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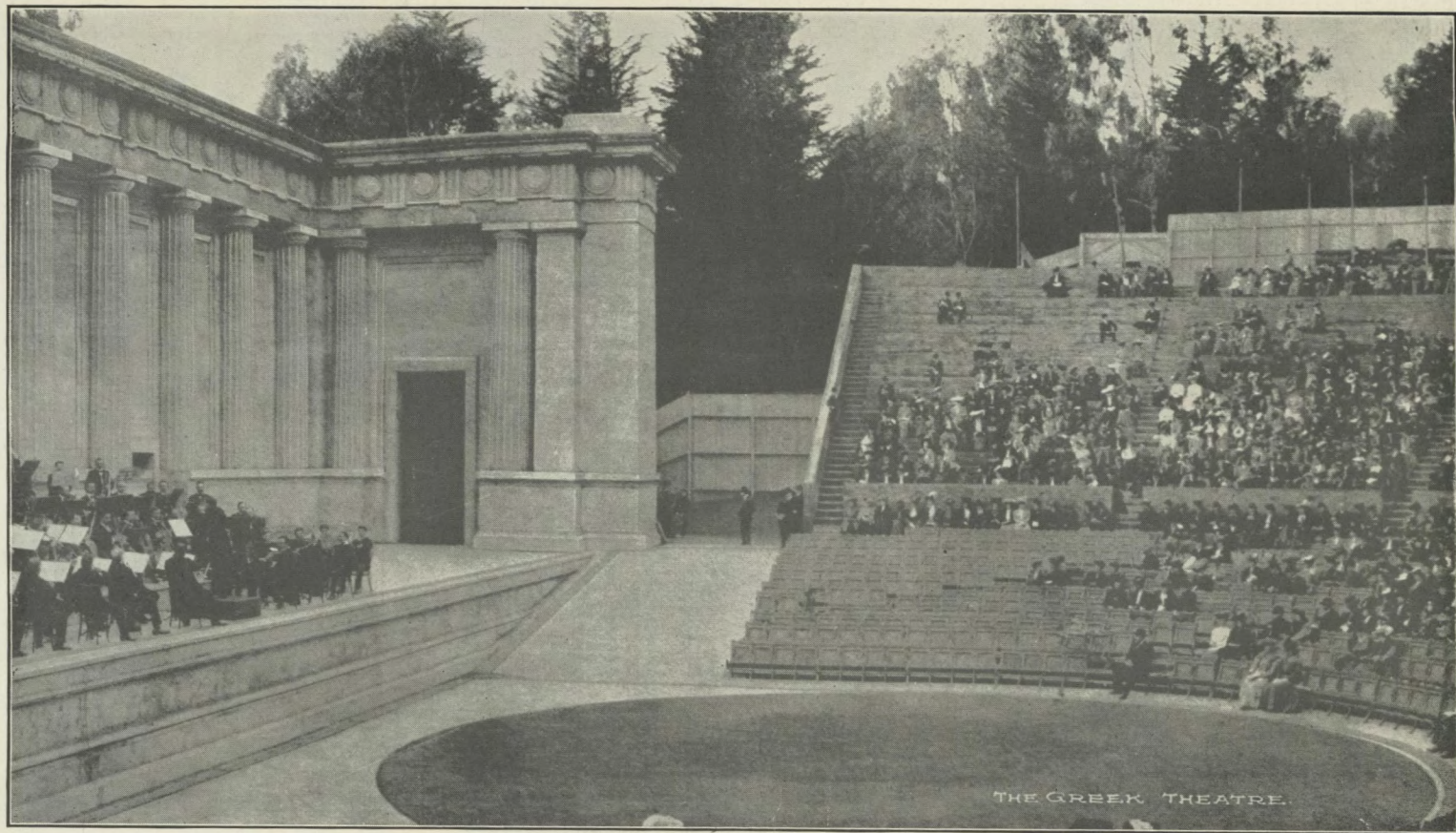
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June 29 to July 2, Convention Session

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All visitors should engage their hotel accommodations *not later than June 10.* Address

MR. RICHARD M. GRAY,
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RAILROAD RATES

There will probably be no special rates for this Convention owing to the fact that practically a two-cent rate is at present in operation within the limits of the Central Passenger Association.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

How to reach the Chicago Beach Hotel.

The Chicago Beach Hotel is located on the lake at the foot of Fifty-first street and is two blocks from the Hyde Park (Fifty-third street) station of the Illinois Central Railroad.

Delegates are urged to plan their journeys so as to arrive in Chicago during the daylight hours, as it will be impossible to meet incoming trains at downtown stations.

Delegates coming in at the Chicago and Northwestern station, the Union station, the LaSalle street station, the Polk street station, or the Grand Central (Harrison street) station, should transfer in Parmelee Transfer Co. busses, or in cabs, to the Illinois Central *Suburban* station and take the *Suburban* train to Hyde Park (Fifty-third street). These trains run every twenty minutes, or oftener during rush hours.

Delegates arriving over the Illinois Central Railroad (with the exception of the western division, known as the Omaha, Sioux City, Sioux Falls and St. Paul road); the Michigan Central; the Grand Rapids and Indiana; the Chicago, Cincinnati and Louisville, or the Big Four, will come in on the Illinois Central tracks, and should check baggage to Hyde Park station and leave the train at Hyde Park instead of going on to the main station down town. Delivery wagons for baggage will be found at the station.

It has been deemed unnecessary to meet the suburban trains, as the hotel is plainly visible from the car windows and also from Hyde Park station.

BAGGAGE.

Baggage checks should be given to the transfer man on the train, for delivery of baggage to the Chicago Beach Hotel. All deliveries are by wagon, as suburban trains carry no baggage.

CONVENTION PROGRAMME.

First Session, 2:30 P. M., Tuesday—Opening ceremony.
Welcome.

Response.

Grand President's Address.

Minutes 17th biennial convention.

Reports of officers and committees: Grand Council, Grand Treasurer, Editor, District Presidents, Education Committee, Scholarship Fund, Archives, Intersorority Conference Delegate.

Distribution of Grand Council and Committee recommendations.

Evening—Informal Reception.

Second Session, 9:30 A. M., Wednesday—Opening ceremony.

Announcement of committees.

Messages from chapters.

Extension.

Third Session, 2:30 P. M., Wednesday—Ritualistic exemplification.

Evening, 8:00 P. M.—District reunions.

Fourth Session, 9:30 A. M., Thursday—Opening ceremony.
Theta organization, alumnæ extension, our policy, etc.

Conference of delegates from chapters having chapter houses.

Conference of delegates from chapters not having chapter houses.

Conference of alumnæ chapter delegates. (The three conferences to meet simultaneously.)

1:00 P. M.—Boat ride as guests of National Convention of Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Evening, 8:00 P. M.—Convention Dance.

Fifth Session, 9:30 A. M., Friday—Opening ceremony.
Consideration of Grand Council and committee recommendations.

Amendments to Constitution and By-Laws.

District Conventions, 12:00 M.

Closing Session, 2:30 P. M.—Opening ceremony.

Unfinished business.

New business.

Reports of committees.

Election of officers.

Installation of officers.

Evening, 8:00 P. M.—Banquet.

THE CALL OF THE WEST

Every year the question of fraternity extension demands anew a consideration which shall square the subject with the advancement of the twelvemonth in college progress. The squaring process is not always a satisfactory one either, for the outlook of the fairest of us is often bedimmed by personal bias, traditional conservatism and nicely-wrought theory.

For a few moments I am going to ask you to swing out into the open with me, seek a good objective point, permit healthy, normal right thinking to dismiss every prejudice, and look our big western educational possibilities squarely in the face.

The west is busy to-day sketching the outlines of the splendid strongholds of the generation of to-morrow. The height and depth and length and breadth of its proposed structures seem so amazing to the conservative distant on-looker that he exclaims—very naturally, too, considering his point of view—"What audacity!" Again, when the master schemes are advancing to their materialization, he cries, "What mushroom development!" Is the apparently invincible spirit of accomplishment quixotic and temporal? Or does the west really have mighty commonwealth visions

which give her courage to advance with all her Titan strength?

Eastern colleges, full of years and good works, have been founded and maintained by generous private gifts which in many cases form vast productive funds. Western state universities are also enriched at intervals by such bequests. For illustration it is estimated that the Vilas gift to the University of Wisconsin, a part of which is now available, will in time be worth \$30,000,000. The main sources, however, of a state university's income are the revenue for grants of lands set aside for the university's use, and the regular appropriation for maintenance voted by the state legislature. The Minnesota legislature recently passed a bill providing for a half mill tax which alone will insure for the university an annual income of a half million dollars. This sum will of course increase as the state's wealth increases. The state lands set aside for this same university's use were valued, a few years since, at \$15,000,000; now, conservatively estimated, the sum reaches nearly \$40,000,000. These figures are set down only to show that western institutions, although comparatively young, are already becoming more wealthy than the long established institutions of the east. With such splendid combined resources, what may not a state do for the education of its sons and daughters! With the best professorial talent, ample buildings, and unstinted apparatus, the western universities may hold within their gates the wealthier students who have heretofore thronged the eastern colleges because of their superior equipment. Wisconsin and Minnesota are but examples of what many of the western universities are certain to become; and the Dakotas, Montana, Oregon, Oklahoma, and all of the newer states are laying even broader foundations for just as serious growth and expansion. The rawness is being trained out of these institutions, their development is in the hands of fair-minded, experienced organizers of broad culture who are seconded on every hand by enthusiastic citizens.

The Greek letter fraternity is supposedly a developing factor in the interior system of a growing university. When

its charter is sought the thoughtful Greek is bound to consider the fervor of the Macedonian call and also the eligibility of the group petitioning and the strength of the college. The first consideration induces a sense of humility that always accompanies the privilege of service. The second in its two-fold aspect makes a direct appeal to one's keen observation, sound common sense, quick judgment and practical discernment, which faculties must have full play in maintaining and strengthening any large organization. For the sake of the best development, the practical "sizing up" of the worthiness of college and group must be free from personal bias. It must be detached and impersonal; it must imply a thoughtful familiarity with the signs of the times, a sympathetic comprehension of the progress of the present era, and, above all, the keen far-sightedness to determine logically and mathematically from present day beginnings the accomplishment of the future.

The strong fraternity of the future will be the one that is shrewd enough to discern which are the coming great institutions, and then to grant charters to "first groups" applying for them. To refuse a charter to the first in the field results very often in subsequent handicaps; for while the group, nothing daunted, is determinedly waiting for eventual success, other fraternities may enter the institution and the race becomes an unequal one between a local and national organizations. Is it good fraternity economics to place a local chapter at a serious disadvantage through the refusal of a charter, and then some time later, after granting it, to stand at a safe distance and watch a struggle back to the coveted early first place?

All that has been said may be true enough, you say, but the fact of western crudeness is hard to overlook. Yes, but it is the rawness of undevelopment. What George MacDonald said about a plain face is applicable in a wider sense to institutions: "Its ugliness [for which we may substitute crudeness] accompanies a condition of larger undevelopment and possibility of development: for all ugliness that is not evil is undevelopment; and so implies the larger

material and possibility of development. . . . This kind will take more developing for the completion of its idea, and will result in greater beauty."

The sons and daughters of the west are instinct with the love of learning, self-mastery and freedom. At the center of their being is the universal, world-old thirst for truth that has sent people in all ages to the fountain heads of learning. The vastness and ruggedness of their environment form an integral part of their elemental heritage, share in sturdy character development, and quicken broad sympathies that make for brotherhood ideals.

We need these fine-spirited, undaunted, invincible westerners. If fraternities have choice benefactions to bestow, only think how worthy would be the recipients who in turn could offer the twin glories that reflect so much splendor—the gold of true worth and the high birth of the democratic exponent of progress. Sister Thetas, all, think on these things which I commend to your consideration only for their suggestiveness.

JUSTINA LEAVITT WILSON, Upsilon.

OUR UNIVERSITIES, THE NEW AND THE OLD

The shifting of the centres of many industries from the East to the West, the press of population bringing with it the necessity of more intensive agriculture and reclamation of new territory, and the recent development of both known and unsuspected resources of the West, has attracted the attention of the entire country. The progress of the Middle West has been so remarkable that scientists and economists predict that the major burden of the future will be borne there, asserting that from this section will come the strength to meet our increasing demands and the commodities for the maintenance of our increasing population. This change in the Far West has been so spectacular that it seems that we are merely awakening to its tremendous possibilities. No phase of Western development has been more remarkable

or more eagerly followed than that of higher education as seen in the state universities. Small universities have doubled and multiplied their equipment and attendance. New universities have been founded in states whose statehood was but a few years old and whose legislators have established themselves as friends of higher education by insisting that even in the commencement the college should have the best that the territory could afford. One state university which 30 years ago had an enrollment of 200, had a registration of nearly 5,000 in 1908. One small university in the Far West made an increase in attendance of 80% within the last year. With such rapid and steady growth, it is only logical to suppose that in the next ten years the size of the western universities will exceed that of eastern institutions.

Such an increase would be disadvantageous if the resources behind it were not equal to the task of support. The increase of wealth has been proportional and the state appropriations in most instances have been most generous. The universities are the pride of the West and the keen competition in offering the best college education to the young citizens has been helpful. It is a striking fact that some legislators, insistent upon large appropriations, have been men without college training themselves, who demanded it for the next generation. With increasing funds and enrollment, interested legislatures, and a persistent demand from the public, the universities of the West have a magnificent future. It is generally acknowledged that the college professor is under-paid and quite susceptible to the allurements of money. The West will offer higher salaries and therefore be in a position to procure superior instructors. The president of a Pacific coast college recently made the statement that his institution was about to offer an increase of 25% in the salaries over and above the corresponding departments in the East. The West will not allow the East to excel it for long, in the matter of instruction. The rich man beyond the Mississippi demands as much for his children as the rich man in Boston, the difference being

that he probably demands it harder. The days of the pioneer universities are over and the present tendency is towards uniformity of excellence.

The class of students attending a Far West university would probably astonish an easterner. The charge that the common humble types enter there is quite just but to the westerner it is a source of pride, not of dissatisfaction. However, it is equally true that the more cultured, even the much abused "best families," are represented. The child of the farmer and the child of the professional man struggle through examinations side by side. The western boy and girl have been democratic since mud-pie days but in them has been developed an immense power of discrimination which is their protection. The East has a system of colleges which are more or less exclusive and which meet eastern demands. The East has the endowed independent college which is possible only by the gift of a tremendous lump sum or as the result of generations of loyal and grateful alumni. Now the West possesses but two endowed colleges of importance, Stanford and the University of Southern California. The endowed college in the West is impossible, except in the case of a philanthropic individual, for it has no generations; some colleges do not boast of a single generation. In its place has been developed the state university which has been accepted by the strongest and most desirable class. The man in the West who has spent his time and brains in and for his state does not want to send his children across the continent for four or five years. The separation is too great and he wants his children trained to meet problems of their own particular environment. The result is that he uses his influence to see that the university of his state keeps pace with the times.

Unfavorable criticism in the comparison of work done in eastern and western colleges is by no means just if it is made of courses in general. Undoubtedly the West is weak in graduate work but in the majority of scientific courses, it is not inferior. In some of the newer sciences it excels. The college requirements of the West are being raised

each year although the insistence is not laid upon the same preparatory studies. The western universities are rapidly providing elaborate equipment for laboratory and experimental courses and are doing remarkable work on the problems which their territories present. The amount of work required in the various curricula is practically identical but the nature still differs. It is more cultural in the East and more practical in the West. The fact that eastern colleges are commencing to send West for professors is indicative and significant.

Education is no longer sectional and the immediate future will see a greater uniformity of excellence. The West has its big problems, great resources, almost unlimited wealth and men with powerful brains to develop and control it. The West will be forced to produce great universities. The higher the type of instruction offered, the higher the type of students that will be attracted by it. With the population of the United States increasing at the rate of 4,000 per day, the movement must be westward. The progressive westerner with his love of travel and of competition will demand the best for the education of his state. The immense student bodies, the rapidly developing states, and the fine type of college president, of which Dr. David Starr Jordan and Dr. Cyrus Northrup are fair examples, will soon press the East for honors. At present the East offers more general culture, time-honored traditions, artistic atmosphere, and intense conservatism. In place of these, the West offers a certain crudeness, an eagerness for and insistence upon progression, new life, and intense democracy. The foremost state universities of the West possess as many advantages as eastern institutions with time-scarred and ivy-covered walls. The East and West will never produce identical institutions although their worth may be equal. Their strength does not consist in being of the same pattern. The chief difference is the difference between the old and the new. Time and time alone can give a certain atmosphere which no amount of money and no man can produce. As Yale and Columbia lack the classic atmosphere

of Oxford and Heidelberg so does the University of California lack that indefinable charm of Harvard. While traditions and the fascinations of the past are highly desirable, they are not essential and can not replace vitality and hard labor. This has been strikingly illustrated by the commotion which the Rhodes Scholarship students have caused in Oxford and the discussion as to whether the young Americans received the more benefit. It is interesting to note that the western men of delegation have won many of the honors.

When the growth and the accomplishments of western universities within the past ten years are considered the possibilities of the next twenty seem almost limitless. In view of this fact the work of the Extension Committees of national fraternities is of extreme importance. The big, growing institutions are the future fields of fraternity problems and inter-fraternity struggles. The rank westerner is disappearing more rapidly than the rank easterner. Fraternity extension was never in a more critical position for it demands the finest discrimination. Universities differ as widely as fraternities in type though not in strength. It is the fraternity that possesses the keenest judgment now that will possess the greatest power in the future.

GRACE WHITE LAVAYEA,

Iota Alumnæ.

NO THOROUGHFARE

At the time of the last national convention there seemed to be a disposition on the part of the fraternity to consider the eastern women's colleges as a possible field for expansion. As a graduate of one well-known eastern woman's college and in instructor in another I have become convinced that the strongest, and, in fact, the initial reasons, for the existence of the woman's fraternity do not exist in such institutions. On the other hand, conditions do exist which make the presence of fraternities, whether national or local, not only unnecessary but harmful.

The woman's fraternity seems to me to belong peculiarly

to the co-educational institution. The close-knit group gives force and effectiveness to a girl's position in a place where as an individual she would possess little or no influence. It provides an opportunity for the social and executive training so little afforded to the girls of a co-educational college. There is, moreover, in most of these institutions, and particularly in the state universities the problem of housing, one might almost say of *homing*, to be met. The fraternity house can fill in part the need met by the residence halls of the woman's college. It provides comfortable physical surroundings and a congenial social group. It is, ideally, a place of helpful influences and good fellowship.

Now, practically all the women's colleges have residence halls, allowing association in large groups and small—in constantly changing, linked groups which offer a broader and better social training, perhaps, than any fixed group can give. Then too, there is ample opportunity for the development of administrative ability in student government associations, in literary, debating, and dramatic societies.

Not only is it true that the great reasons for the fraternity do not exist in a woman's college, but there are positive reasons for their exclusion—reasons appreciated for the most part by the colleges themselves. In Mount Holyoke, for example, where local sororities have existed for years there is at present a great agitation for their abolition. It is pretty generally admitted that to have say 12½% of girls—already associated in residence halls—organized into small self-perpetuating groups is a serious menace to the democratic spirit of the institution—to say nothing of the inevitable wire-pulling and hard feeling attendant upon campus politics. It is certainly true that at Vassar, for example, where such organizations do not exist and where there is a strong feeling they would be not only superfluous but harmful, a much stronger democratic spirit prevails than at Wellesley or Mount Holyoke.

The national fraternity in the woman's college would, it seems to me, exist on tolerance, if admitted at all, having no real opportunity for leadership and influence; it would

lose dignity and prestige. I should greatly regret the fraternity's entering a woman's college, particularly any of the large eastern colleges which offer so tempting a field from the point of view of their charming girlhood and their prominent position in the academic world.

ESTHER SHAW.

JULIA MORGAN, OUR ARCHITECT

One of the Thetas of whom Omega is most justly proud, is Julia Morgan, the architect. She more than any other of our chapter perhaps, has "done things."

She was born in San Francisco, but her parents soon after moved to Oakland, California, which is still her home. Her parents belonged to old New England families, and her home has always been one of great culture and refinement. She was educated in the Oakland schools, and before she had entered upon her university course, had determined upon architecture as her profession.

She was initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta in the fall of 1890, and graduated with her class in 1894, with high honors. The course she pursued was probably the hardest and most strenuous ever taken by an Omega girl. Beside all the work offered in mechanical drawing that had a bearing on her profession, she took the hardest courses in strength of materials, physics and mathematics, in more than one of which she was the first who had ever made application, and to keep pace with her preparation one at least of her professors had to work quite as hard as she herself! All her work was characterized by clearness and definiteness, her energy and industry were indefatigable, and though modest and retiring almost to a fault, she nevertheless won a most enviable position in the respect and regard of her professors and classmates, and was considered a true exponent of the finest type of woman student. It was characteristic of the fineness and infinitesimal exactness of her work at this period, that she could distinguish two points one-sixtieth of an inch apart!

After her graduation she spent a year or more in the study of architecture under Mr. Maybeck, and was then ready to go to Paris where she spent six years in closest study. It was here that she encountered her greatest difficulties, probably. A woman and a foreigner, she was regarded by the French with disfavor, and it was not easy to secure a *patron* and recognition of her aims and ambitions. The strict rules governing entrance to the *Ecole des Beaux Arts* made her way of the hardest, and her public examinations were crowded with people who came curious to witness the ordeal of *l'Américaine*.

Examinations passed, she found herself the first woman ever admitted to the department of architecture. This in itself did not give her position, but slowly and surely she gained that with instructors and fellow students, by hardest labor and splendid success, until today among the American students at the *Ecole* she is still regarded a star and emulated as an example.

Upon her return to America in 1902 she refused tempting offers in New York, to come back to her home, and here entered the office of Galen Howard, supervising architect for the University of California. Promoted to the position of chief draughtsman, she supervised the construction of the Greek Theatre, and designed the Sather Bridge.

Private business soon led her to establish offices of her own in San Francisco, and she found herself with a reputation and plenty to do. In the midst of success came the earthquake and fire of 1906, and she lost her every book, all her plans, her office equipment, her typewriter and her lead pencils. In the tremendous building activity succeeding that catastrophe, she was sought for much fine work of rehabilitation. She was given the work of interior decoration of the great Fairmount Hotel of San Francisco, and among other large contracts, has played a great and fine part in the designing of business buildings and homes in San Francisco, Oakland, Berkeley and the vicinity.

Stress of work compelled her to take a partner in her business, and she now has a splendid suite of eight offices

in the beautiful new Merchants Exchange Building, with every equipment for her large force of draughtsmen. Last year she drew the plans and built the new house for Omega Chapter in Berkeley. It is no vain boast to say that today she occupies one of the foremost positions among architects on the coast, and among architects, contractors and those who are building or interested in houses, Miss Julia Morgan is a name to conjure with.

HENRIETTA BREWER.

ALPHA KAPPA'S NEW HOME

Girls from out-of-town colleges have so often asked us, "College in the city? But how can you have any real college times? And how do you live?"

We have always tried to have a room of some sort where we could hold our meetings, but lately we have found, across the street from college, an attractive little apartment with three rooms—one quite large, one a little smaller, and a tiny one for a kitchen. We keep the front room for a formal reception room, and the smaller one has been turned into a den. The big room is furnished in mission and green with fraternity emblems on the walls. We have our charter framed and covered with a black drop curtain, with big yellow letters, **K A ©**. Even Thetas have asked what this mysterious looking thing is. One of the girls painted the crest in black and gold and white on a big gray skin; we have our telegram announcing the grant of the charter, and a shield with a bronze seal on it.

The smaller room is cozy, for the walls are covered with college banners and the couch is full of pillows. Here our chafing dish is used. Last comes the kitchen. No other space ever held quite so much. There all the good things are concocted, and there also, to the discomfort of freshmen, the dishes are washed.

Now we have a home, we cannot understand how we have lived, with nothing but a distant room for meetings.

We run across from college for study periods, and can do so much more work than we can in the library! At noon, too, we have cocoa or something else hot, to help digest the lunch room fare. But Monday is the day of days. We hold our meetings quite early in the afternoon and then remain until eight or nine o'clock. This doubtless sounds very unpretending to you who are together nearly all the time in chapter houses, but we assure you, these Mondays mean much to us and our alumnæ can always find us on this day. We get our own supper on a chafing-dish or a little gas stove.

We planned a reception for our Theta friends soon after we moved in, and we invited as guest of honor, the dean. All the alumnæ helped us fix up the apartment attractively. First a piano arrived, their gift. Soon, someone sent us a kitchen table, then a stand for books came, a pair of brass candlesticks and some dishes, a dishpan, a teakettle, knives and other things. Another gave us dark green curtains for the windows. Each class gave a present too. The seniors chose a big chair, the juniors a tea-table. An alumna gave us a brass tea-kettle for the table. The sophomores gave a mission grandfather's clock, and the freshmen a mission lamp.

Thus we prepared for the reception and when the guests arrived we wished for even more room in our new home.

THE REORGANIZATION OF OUR COLLEGES

Modern college education and college life have been much discussed in print during the past year. President Eliot in his "University Administration," Mr. Flexner in "The American College: a Criticism," and Dr. Slosson in a series of articles on fourteen American universities published in "The Independent," have led the discussion.

In February was published by Clarence F. Birdseye a severe arraignment of our present system of college administration under the title of "Reorganization of our Col-

leges." It will be remembered that only two years ago he wrote "Individual Training in our Colleges" in which he deplored that loss of the direct personal influence exerted by professors over the students of half a century ago.

He believes in fraternities and in his earlier book pointed out ways in which fraternities might serve a greater usefulness. In this book he dwells at length on the necessity of the proper kind of college home life for students and he says the fraternities have taken a stand beyond that of the college authorities by endowing houses over which alumni have direct influence. His standard for these houses is high: "The college home life must be affirmatively ennobling and unlifting or it will be quite the contrary. It must be constantly affected by strong and usually older characters whose influence must be exerted, silently but surely, within itself." "The alumni must be made to understand and appreciate that so long as they maintain these homes, they are responsible for each and every one of them, and for the home life of each and every undergraduate member therein."

It is worth quoting his summary of the returns to an old and influential fraternity that has maintained a field secretary to watch over the selection of new members and to insure the influence of the earnest alumni over undergraduates. "After four years of such work this fraternity finds its members greater than ever before, and that its percentage of loss of active members from every cause is less than twenty percent of the average loss of the colleges in which it has chapters, and that its loss from poor scholarship is even smaller. It finds that one-half its chapters, with one-half its total membership, did not lose a single man during the first half of the last college year, and that a very large proportion of its apparent losses have been offset by the men who, through its influence, returned to college and finished their courses.

His main thesis is the need "to lift college reorganizations to the plane of the best with which we are familiar in the business world." The institution should consider the

capacity of its plant, including its teaching force, libraries, laboratories and other equipment, then, adopting the motto of the football team: "team work, hard work and good work," apply to college conditions modern business methods of securing the best net results for the time and labor expended. This reorganized college would not be calling for more raw material—entering classes—but strive for a better output—a larger percentage of graduates and a vastly smaller "College Waste Heap" to which he assigns those who have not gotten all of the training and development, mental, moral and physical, of an education for citizenship which the institution might and should have given them. For the practical details of reorganization, Mr. Birdseye believes that the pedagogical expert must call to his aid the alumni trained in the system of large corporations and manufacturing concerns.

CLARA FANNING.

WOOSTER'S PLAN FOR IMPROVED SCHOLARSHIP

The Board of Trustees of Wooster University have drawn up a set of rules for the regulation of the fraternities, hoping, as it is stated, to secure for the students at Wooster, the best benefits of the fraternity system and to provide against disadvantages which may be incident to the system. The rules which concern scholarship are as follows: In order to be eligible to membership in a fraternity or sorority chapter in the University of Wooster a student,—

1. Must have been a member of the collegiate department of the University of Wooster for one semester;
2. Must have attained not less than twelve credits;
3. Must be enrolled for not less than twelve hours of work per week;
4. Must have maintained a passing grade in each subject and an average of not less than 75% in all studies during the next preceding semester;
5. Must obtain a written permit from the Dean.

The following rules regulate chapter houses:

3. At stated intervals the Dean shall furnish to the authorized officers of each chapter, reports stating the names of those members who have fallen below 80 in any subject of study..

4. Members who have failed to maintain eligibility requirements or who have come under discipline shall be denied access to chapter houses until reinstated by the Dean.

These rules are not due to any great falling below in scholarship among the fraternities this year, but are an outgrowth of the disturbance last year, when the faculty tried to abolish the sororities. At that time the control of the fraternities and sororities was placed in the hands of the trustees, and they are anxious to raise the fraternity standards as high as possible.

The rule which has caused most opposition is, that members who have failed to maintain eligibility requirements shall be denied access to chapter houses. This means that any one who fails in one subject or falls below seventy-five as an average cannot enter a fraternity house. A number of men have been compelled to move, and they are very indignant.

KATHARINE MCCURDY.

ANOTHER VOLUME FOR OUR BOOK SHELF

It is a pleasure to bring to the notice of Kappa Alpha Thetas, another volume, "Dorothy," by one of our number, S. Elizabeth Sisson. Mrs. Sisson was Sarah Elizabeth Whitson, Indiana Gamma, '75. We congratulate Mrs. Sisson upon her success, and quote Bishop C. C. McCabe and other eminent men in their praise of her book:

33 Westview Ave., Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.,

November 22, 1906.

MY DEAR MRS. SISSON:

"What a lovely book is 'Dorothy!' I have read it so far with such pleasure that I put it down to address a letter to you. I want to offer my congratulations to you, upon having written such

a book. I see at once that it will be a success. Great truths are often taught in works of fiction like this, and I am glad we have among us such a writer as you are. I hope the book will be widely read."

Yours faithfully,

C. C. McCABE.

(Received a few days before his death.)

"I am delighted with the book. It has a high purpose which is sustained throughout. It is fascinating, inspiring, and uplifting. I congratulate you on the achievement of so noble a task."

Author, Lecturer.

JOHN P. D. JOHN.

"There is a sweetness and wholesomeness about all of Mrs. Sisson's work, that to one who loves nature and the common folk as I do, gives it a rare charm, and elevates the ideals. . . . The phrase in 'Dorothy,' 'If one's garments have brushed the damps of that mystic river, of which poets sing, etc.' clings to me through the months, and the opening paragraphs of Chapter IV., the second one especially, is a prose poem.

Throughout the entire book there is that breath of the simple life which makes any good thing a reviewer might say about it, seem not good enough."

EDWIN A. SCHELL.

President Iowa Wesleyan University.

* *Dorothy*, by S. Elizabeth Sisson. Published by Jennings & Graham. Price \$1.50.

ONE GERMAN UNIVERSITY

If the truth be told, the one thing most closely associated in our minds with German students before we went to Germany, was duelling; and indeed, that is not the least prominent feature of the university, even though such a comparatively small number take part in it. One student with head and face well bandaged and wearing a little tight silk cap, cuts quite a figure in the academic landscape—at least to American eyes. It is only the members of the societies—fraternities, we should call them—who fight, and their number, as with us, is quite inconsiderable, when compared with the entire body. Many a heated discussion did we have in regard to the merits,—in the line of brutality—of football

and duelling, and in the end, I think we were quite convinced that America was not justified in throwing very many stones at her German neighbors.

The duelling may have interested us most before we went; but it was certainly the eating, before, between and after classes, which amused and delighted us while we were there. Everybody eats all the time—in fact you are quite out of it, if you do not. I well remember that first morning, just before we were starting for our first lecture, when two neat little rolls of “belegtes Brot” were pressed into our unwilling hands. We took them with us merely out of politeness, quite determined to leave them in the first convenient spot that offered, but no such fate befell them for they went just where they were intended to go. It was a clear case of the force of example. When we found a thousand odd students, promenading up and down the corridors, laughing, talking, and munching away, we joyfully undid our small packages and walked, talked, and ate too, without the shadow of a misgiving, for we felt that we were being “echt deutsch,” and that, at the time, was our greatest aim in life.

German students do not applaud with their hands, but with their feet. It is a very convenient method, for it does not at all interrupt the important business of note-taking—it is quite possible to applaud and write at the same time. At the beginning of each lecture the professor is greeted with a great “trampling” and if he be popular, it becomes sometimes quite deafening. Their disapproval they show in the same way,—with their feet—but by shuffling them. The two kinds of “noises” are quite distinctive and there is never any doubt in the minds of those present, as to which is meant. And here let me remark in a parenthesis, that there is no hesitation about showing disapprobation when it is felt. Apparently one of the greatest strains on the patience of a German student is the continuing of the lecture overtime. Warning scrapes are heard all over the room, ink bottles are closed with resounding snaps, and if the lecturer does not take the hint so delicately offered, the

entire class breaks into one prolonged "shuffle." The cause of this uneasiness was always somewhat of a mystery to us, for there was such a long period between lectures,, that no hurry could possibly be necessary. A professor rarely thought of arriving before twenty or even twenty-five minutes after the hour, and yet if he went on more than two or three minutes after the stroke of the bell, he was sure to have this lapse called to his mind in no gentle terms. We could only explain it on the ground that everyone was anxious to get back again to the more important business of eating, and of course any encroachment on the twenty minute intermission interfered most seriously with the amount of "Bröchten" and "Wurst" that could be consumed between lectures. We made a great deal of fun—just between ourselves—about all this eating at the university and elsewhere, but I observed that the two American girls in this German "Familie" were by no means the slowest nor the last, when it was a question of food and drink—they took up the habits of the country, in this respect at least, with an ease and rapidity, that was truly alarming.

Another thing that we were greatly interested in investigating in our particular university were the fraternity and independent organizations. They do not call them by the same names that we do, and they are organized on somewhat different lines, but in a last analysis they are very similar. They have their rushing troubles, just as we do, they pledge and initiate, and in the smaller university towns at least, their generous and devoted alumni try to build chapter houses for them. The greatest difference that we found was the lack of all national organization. Each society is entirely local and is a law unto itself.

But the institution from which we derived the greatest amount of entertainment, and which, at times, caused us the greatest annoyance, was not a German university, but a German library. It was distinctly annoying never, under any circumstances, to be able to get a book in less than three hours after ordering it, but it was joy unalloyed to go with all our troubles to the most kind-hearted and fath-

erly old Herr Direktor—indeed, we were often glad to find the difficulties, that we might go to him for assistance. It was hardly with a feeling of pleasure that we pulled down the enormous manuscript tomes, which served as catalogs, and tried to decipher writing which was often anything but legible—but all such trifles were forgotten, when the imposing “Garderobeherr” condescended to greet us with a “Guten morgen,” thereby recognizing us as regular habitués of the place. And—crowning joy of all—the attendants at the reading-room desk, still more imposing, finally handed us out our books without first asking our names. That was truly an honor to be proud of! What could a mere “Amerikanische Studentin” ask for more! We certainly were quite content to rest upon these laurels, and demanded no more of Fame, for we felt that she had nothing greater to bestow upon us.

ESTHER HARMON, Eta.

WOMAN'S DAY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

It has been suggested that one of California's customs which is not prevalent elsewhere may be of more than usual interest to women in other colleges. This is the custom of setting aside one day in the college year as belonging wholly to the women of the university. This day marks a sort of climax and high water mark of all our efforts in the various departments in which we are interested.

It is also the one day in the year on which the women students as a body are “at home” to their friends. There is so much to be done, and there are so many different activities to be represented on this date, that no ordinary day in which lectures and class rooms play a part, large or small, as the case may be, is half long enough; so one of the mid-term holidays, February 22, has been set aside by tradition as Woman's Day.

The first event of the morning is the appearance of the “Daily Californian,” the daily newspaper of the university,

edited upon this day by one of the women editors and her staff. Then come the athletic contests. One of the best of these is the boat race in Lake Merritt. The boats used are light St. Lawrence skiffs, and each class is represented by a crew of three. The graduate students also have their boat. The crews train and practice for months, and this year we hope to send the winning crew to Stanford for an intercollegiate contest.

Beside the boat races in the morning there are tennis and basket ball games on the courts just outside the girls' headquarters at Hearst Hall.

There is no established tradition as to what shall take place in the afternoon, but there is something to keep the girls together at least. Last year it was "Refined Vaudeville," a very successful performance managed by the seniors.

In the evening comes the Colonial Ball. It is only here that the men are allowed to make themselves useful upon Woman's Day. All go in colonial costume and the ball is opened by a minuet. Between dances one has time to discover a number of attractive booths where stately colonial dames sell eatables or, better still, the Woman's Day issue of the "Occident," the college short story magazine, and the "Pelican," the college funny paper. Both of these issues are gotten out upon that day by women. The ball is over by one o'clock, to the regret even of those who have taken strenuous part in the athletic contests, and with its close we always note Woman's Day "even better than last year."

Διαλεγόμεθα

A WORD TO THE WISE

In one of the eastern colleges for women there is being carried on in the college monthly an open discussion of the local secret societies there, with a genuine effort toward doing away with the very uncomfortable feeling that exists there between the society girls and the non-society girls. This discussion seems to have focused about the suggestion that there be more open, free conversation about fraternities, that it be not a subject tabooed from all conversation. The whole aim seems to be not merely, if at all, to criticize the organizations, but to relieve the unpleasant tension between the two classes of students and to prevent the fraternity from being a gulf between them.

It may seem that this is purely a local question and therefore one which does not interest Thetas. But it is probably true that in most colleges where the Thetas have chapters the conditions are similar. One example at least has come to our notice. Last fall in a university circle of faculty ladies such pointed criticism was brought against the attitude of fraternity girls toward the rest of the girls of the university, and such appalling stories were told of the discomfort and even unhappiness caused by the thoughtlessness of fraternity girls, that it made some of us Theta alumnae, who are likewise faculty women, wince. Since then that criticism has burned in our hearts. Thetas and all fraternity women should make it possible for anyone to deny with conviction any such accusations.

So much has been done in the last few years by the Pan-Hellenic movement to ameliorate relations between women's fraternities, that one cannot help but wish that some such great and glorious organization be formed between the fraternity and non-fraternity women, in order to better their understanding and lessen their misunderstandings. Such an organization is, of course, an impossibility, but is it not possible that the Pan-Hellenic take up as one of its next

problems a bettering of the relations between these two classes? This could not be in any vague general way. Good results cannot be obtained by simple advice. We cannot say: "Let us be democratic. Let us be more considerate to the girls outside, more generous." On the other hand rules and regulations cannot be laid down. We cannot be told that we must talk to so many non-fraternity girls a day, or smile graciously every time we meet one on the campus. The uncontrollable elements of "heart," and "good spirit," and kindred feelings must enter in, so perhaps even the Pan-Hellenics, successful as they have been, cannot help us here. But at any rate it would seem as though they might direct our thoughts and feelings in that way and undertake some good, practical reforms.

EDITH R. INGRAHAM,
Epsilon Alumnæ.

**THE USE
AND ABUSE
OF COLORS**

In these days when each fraternity is striving to maintain cordial relations between its members and those of other organizations; when the Pan-Hellenic organizations are doing their utmost to break down the barriers between independents and fraternity members, is it quite in keeping that Kappa Alpha Theta should ask its members to wear colors on Founder's Day and on Installation Days? Are we quite honest in our talk of wanting social democracy when we continue to make such anniversaries, which could be celebrated in private, the occasion for a public display of our colors? Ought not the tendency to be rather in the other direction, toward using a pledge pin for instance, instead of showing our colors conspicuously on our freshmen?

**A CHAPTER
HANDBOOK**

Could not even the strongest chapter have a more efficient administration with greater economy of effort than at present by making a handbook of chapter business? Rarely are all officers fully alive to the responsibilities of

the office and usually it falls to the president to think ahead and remind her lieutenants of dates at which they should "produce results."

This handbook might contain first, all duties of officers as outlined in the constitution, supplemented by those imposed by chapter by-laws and custom; it should contain also, a list of books and properties which should be handed on from each officer to her successor; and in addition, a calendar of dates at which Grand Council taxes are due, Journal copy due, archive material completed, examination study program completed, election of officers and convention delegate, banquet and other committees appointed. As any officer learns by experience something which might profitably be handed down to her successor, let her add notes in the proper section.

With such a handbook, a newly elected president could see that each officer was fully informed of what the chapter could expect of her and by frequent references to the calendar, guard against the chapter becoming delinquent in its obligations. Cannot every upperclass girl remember an instance when the possession—and use—of such a handbook would have saved her chapter an annoyance or even a blunder?

**OUR BUSINESS
METHODS**

The treasurer of a fraternity, as a rule, labors under a double difficulty; first, her own lack of business training, and second, the carelessness and indifference of her sisters. Her own shortcomings are speedily corrected; but those of her sisters sometimes pass unnoticed. There are three types of fraternity girls: First, the class who pay their dues and obligations promptly of their own initiative; the second class are careless and forget to pay until they are reminded; the third class is the most deplorable, for they seem to lack that nice ethical sense which declares no money their own while they are in debt to another.

The careless girl lacks business ability. Such a girl must be reminded, once, twice, or even three times until the treas-

urer is forced to send her a bill. By keeping in mind the old saying, "if you don't succeed at first, try, try again," the treasurer finally secures the money. Most of us are now and then surprised by unexpected expenses, but fraternity dues recur as regularly as do our tuition bills. We do not wait to receive a notification of the latter from our university treasurer. Why should we expect more from our fraternity? Let us not test too far, "Love suffereth long and is kind."

For the third class, no words can be too plain. The fault lies deeper than mere thoughtlessness. There is a serious principle involved. If a girl feels at liberty to go to the theater when her dues are unpaid; when she becomes treasurer, it is only a step farther to withdraw her dues already paid; and finally borrow a sum. Of course she intends to pay it back and happily she almost never fails to do so. Nevertheless, the excuse is the same used by the embezzler. Most of us girls are unaccustomed to handling any money except our own, and then only in small sums. So we should be all the more careful about paying our debts promptly and holding money entrusted to us as sacred.

A. K. H., Chi, '10.

THE CRITIC

This year we have inaugurated in our chapter meetings a new system of criticism. At first it seemed a well-nigh impossibly delicate and difficult task. Delicate and difficult it has proven, but not impossibly so, for our criticism has all been prompted by the spirit which "condemns the fault and not the actor of it."

But to understand how it has been possible to carry this out, something of the system itself must be explained. Each week our president appoints "a critic." This appointing is not done in fraternity meeting; indeed only two persons know who this critic is—the girl herself and the president. And thus far every critic has been able to so entirely conceal her identity that no one else has had even an inkling who she has been. It is the duty of this critic

to write out a little criticism of every girl in the chapter, herself included; of course not always an unfavorable criticism by any means, but, when deserved, a word of commendation. And the eagerness with which even some of the most listless of us have striven to deserve this word of praise, has surprised us all.

With us, this system has had many advantages. We certainly have profited by the criticism itself, for the little word of reproof, coming as almost an impertinence from girl to girl, is taken in good part and acted upon when coming from an unknown source, even though the criticism is read by our president in the chapter meeting.

Moreover, this systematized criticism has done away with what was formerly the bane of our fraternity life—personal, individual criticism, made not to the subject of it, but to another person, sanctioned by the name of Theta interest, but in reality nothing more nor less than common gossip, benefiting no one and undermining peace of fraternity life.

HELEN MURRAY.

THE ALPHA
CHAPTER
LIBRARY

To our chaperon, Miss Chapin, we owe the greatest appreciation for arousing enthusiasm in this cause and for her unlimited aid.

Although we have previously owned a few volumes, no attempt has been made to keep them systematically until last term, when the matter of enlarging our collection was discussed. The girls immediately became interested and each one promised at least one book and as many more as they could possibly give. Friends of the active girls and many of Miss Chapin's acquaintances have contributed in books or in money. With the money sent, we have been enabled to purchase complete sets of Dickens, George Elliot, and of Shakespeare. Our collection is composed of books upon every subject, with a preponderance of fiction. We feel that many trips to the college and city libraries are saved by our splendid collection of reference books.

Our collection is growing daily, and about a week ago,

we were greatly surprised to find an addition of a complete set of encyclopedias, and thirteen volumes of Harper's Weekly, contributed by our chaperon. Many of our books of fiction can not be obtained at the libraries, and we are glad to lend them to town and alumnæ Thetas, but are careful to keep a strict account of those borrowed, so that none will be missing.

ANNA IBACH.

THE WAY
WE SING

One of the things by which a chapter is judged is the manner in which the girls sing their songs. You know this is true when you think back to the time when you were an unpledged freshman and were trying to decide which fraternity you liked best. It is not strange that one of the things which helped you to make a decision was the enthusiasm with which girls of a certain fraternity sang their songs. When every girl knows the songs and *sings*, no matter if she is not a vocal major, there is an impression given of joy in fraternity. So learn a lesson from your own experience and remember that one of the best and most effective "rushing stunts" is good singing.

M. E. A., Chi, '09.

DR. GILMAN ON
"EDUCATION
FOR WOMEN"

On November 13, 1908, the Woman's College of Baltimore celebrated its twentieth anniversary. As a suitable recognition of this occasion President Noble had reprinted copies of the address delivered at the founding of the college by Dr. Daniel Coit Gilman, President of Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Gilman's address was entitled, "What May Be Secured By a Liberal Education." He dwelt particularly on the liberal education of women. The objects of such an education were to be, briefly, sound healthy bodies; good mental habits; a store of useful knowledge of languages, literature and the sciences; a love of music, literature and art; a love of nature; and an aptitude for the work and play of life.

In speaking of Dr. Gilman, Dean Griffin said that his life was a realization of the ideal, that a liberal education means "the ability for the right conduct of business, and the noble employment of leisure."

ETHEL LUCCOCK.

OUR COAT
OF ARMS

We feel the greatest appreciation for the work done by Tiffany and Company in making the die for our coat of arms of Kappa Alpha Theta, but we do feel it hardly fair to give this firm alone the privilege of making it. It is few of us that know what is really on the coat of arms, as the stationery is so expensive that it is hardly popular, and it is almost impossible to secure the seal for programs, or place cards.

Tiffany and Company has had this privilege for two years and we now think the obligation is repaid and that the convention should decide to allow other copies of this die to be made.

Since this is the only emblem possible for us to use on stationery and programs, we believe that the privilege should be given the various chapters of securing their own dies which could be used at their own discretion, thus saving much time and especially expense.

GAMMA.

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We acknowledge the receipt of the following exchanges:

October-December: *Kappa Alpha Journal*.

January: *Rainbow*, *Lyre*, *Sigma Kappa Triangle*, *Phi Chi Quarterly*.

February: *Key*, *Alpha Xi Delta*, *Centaur*, *Caduceus*, *Scroll*, *Eleusis*, *Trident*, *Sigma Chi Quarterly*, *Alpha Phi Quarterly*, *Phi Gamma Delta*, *Themis*, *Delta Chi Quarterly*.

March: *Shield*, *Palm*, *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, *Phi Gamma Delta*, *Record*, *Caduceus*, *Crescent*, *Garnet and White*.

April: *Anchora*, *Trident*, *Kappa Alpha Journal*.

We are indebted to the *Key* for the extract from John Bascom's article on co-education in the *Educational Review*:

While the fact of sex may give direction and tone to social activity, we are not to assume that it seriously modifies our intellectual powers, or divides the field of action into radically distinct parts. Among the wrongs we more frequently do each other as races, classes, and sexes, is this wrong of defining growth and curtailing opportunities to an interested and preconceived notion of what belongs to these distinctions. The entire field of life is each man's possibility and should be open before him. The East may be proud of what it has done for women as an afterthought and a remedy, but can never regard its colleges for women as standing on any terms of equality with its universities. Poor scholars can do poorly, medium scholars can do fairly well, in either, but the attainments of the best minds in the two reveal a great difference.

We regret that our space limits us to only this concluding portion of an excellent article on the "Value of a College Course for Women" in the *Alpha Xi Delta*:

But even if these things were not so, even if it were not true that college graduates become by reason of their education more valuable to the world, the college course would still be justifiable in that it makes any woman more valuable to herself. If she has absorbed what she ought from those four years, the result is wider culture and hence infinite multiplication of her intellectual sensibilities. In the light of what she has learned her slightest contact with the world becomes fraught with greater significance. She takes up a newspaper; her study of economics gives a new depth of meaning to the story of a great strike; statistics hitherto blind and unimportant are lit up by her knowledge of psychology; in the light of her study of modern history she is able to recognize the strained diplomatic relations of two European countries as an act in a century long drama; items that would have formerly appeared to her only petty sensationalism may now discover an element of romance; the announcement of the discovery of a new element becomes through her knowledge of chemistry, interesting news; she reads of a big electoral convention and having studied public law is able to see in it some thing larger than the struggles between two party factions. So things that formerly would have been uninteresting or even unintelligible have taken on power to stimulate her mind and give her the pleasure of a keen interest.

But there is something more than all this that the years of college can do for a girl. Having come in contact with great needs, pondered on great events, studied great problems, having gotten a glimpse of the core of things and their eternal purpose and harmony, she is inclined to try to bring some of that same order and harmony into her own life. It is impossible for her now to live merely from day to day, from hand to mouth, seeing nothing but the figures on the blackboard, the dishpan, the typewriter, the printed page. She must see some goal ahead and bend her energies toward it. Knowing her life to be a part of divine symmetry, she must, however feebly and waveringly seek to order it to fill its part in the supreme plan.

Her critics accuse the college girl of being discontented. The accusation should be a commendation, for the college woman's discontent, if she is worthy to bear the name of her college, is that of the world-moving sort which makes a woman satisfied always with her possessions, but never with herself.

The following emphasizes a point too often overlooked by those who have passed from the active chapter:

But, after all, it is not from the standpoint of duty that the fraternity wishes to approach its alumni. That which we do only because of a sense of duty may give us a certain stern Calvinistic satisfaction; but all of us are not cast in such heroic mold. We do best what we enjoy. And here can be found the secret of why so many of the graybeards take such a lively interest in the fraternity. There is a joy in keeping in touch with young men, in watching characters develop, in imparting purpose and balance; and receiving in return enthusiasm and fresh ideas. The great are always friends of the young; and while most of us can not hope to be great, we can at least have this joy and inspiration in common with our distinguished brothers.

The proof of theory lies in accomplished fact. Point to an alumnus sincerely and enthusiastically interested in the fraternity, and we will show you at the same time a man of force and success in his business or profession. There is the inevitable coincidence, whatever may be the theory of cause and effect. If you wish to prove the truth of this assertion, go over the list yourself and then decide, purely from a selfish standpoint if you please what will be your attitude as an alumnus.—*Phi Gamma Delta*.

These timely suggestions from the *Key* we recommend to the consideration of every fraternity member, active or alumna:

Why not have the Kappa fraternity house, in all its phases, stand for a center of good breeding as well as good cheer? That there is to be fun there, is understood, but when the outsider comes in for any purpose, to my mind she should go away with the idea that that fraternity house preserves an air of quiet dignity and refinement such as may be found in a home, instead of the careless, happy-go-lucky atmosphere which a group of girls is likely to create. One of Goethe's ideas of life was that every individual creates an atmosphere of his own, and that atmosphere is good or evil, and may be felt in a room by any new-comer. We say that there is a "Kappa type." That may or may not be true, but if it is, why should there not be a Kappa atmosphere as well, which will pervade our homes and make them known and recognizable by every one?

One more thought we would emphasize, and that is the suggestion by the deans of women that the chaperone in the fraternity house be given more honor and dignity. The selection of a chaperone should be made with as much careful thought as the election

of a new member. Would it not be better to curtail the rushing expenses and pay the chaperone a salary if this were necessary to secure the right person? When the chaperone becomes a member of the fraternity household she should command the respect and assume the social position of a mother. The girls should go to her for advice and her suggestions should receive consideration. She should not be a mere name, with a seat at the head of the table, but the person to welcome the friends of the fraternity and to be a help to the members in the many little things that are lacking in the lives of college girls away from home.

The "short-course" fraternity member offers a serious problem to the women's fraternity as well as the men's.

In fraternity life we find a similar character in the "short-course" fraternity man—the "ex"-freshman "flunker-out," too often characterized by his desire to display his fraternity jewelry, and to herald himself as a college man, and above all a "frat" man. He may have been in school a semester or a year. In this time he can have imbibed but little of college spirit, less of its training, and but little of fraternalism. He may mean all right, but he simply does not know, and we can not expect that he should.

It is trite to say that the ideal fraternity man is essentially and primarily a true college man, who, through the pursuance of a regular course, and the experiences of college life, carries away the refining influence of his training, a loyalty to his college, and a love for his fraternity. This requires time. What comparison can there be, from a fraternity standpoint, between the freshman flunker and the senior who gives his last undergraduate toast, takes a farewell look at the beloved campus or the chapter fire-place, and says good-bye to those who have gone with him every step of the way?

As a rule the short-course fraternity man is an undesirable citizen in the Greek world. The continuance of his tribe should be forestalled, for how can we justify his existence! Usually the harm he does his fraternity far outweighs the financial aid from his initiation, or his possible contribution to the house fund.

He is a problem, but the problem can be solved. The majority of fraternity men recognize the freshmen year as probably the one most propitious for the good influence of a fraternity upon the individual. No one would deprive a freshman of the good of fraternity life. Let us, then, pledge our freshmen as at present, bring them into the house, let them vote by proxy on questions involving

the expenditure of money; but let the pledge (formally and strongly made) hold until they have become full-fledged sophomores, registered in college and giving evidence of ability and disposition to "make good," when they shall be fully initiated.

By such a course we shall eliminate a large per cent., if not all, of the "short-course" men. If a man can last his freshman year, there is likelihood of his continuing his work. Should he remain but two years, he will have approached nearer the ideal, and many a man who has had but two years of fraternity life is as loyal as his more fortunate brother, and one of whom we are proud.—*Phi Gamma Delta*.

All alumnæ, in touch with their active chapters and with their best interests at heart, will echo what this wise alumna has to say:

Do the girls seem moderate in the amount of time given to social events? Then it is at least possible that a good proportion of time is given to college work; and from the alumna point of view (surely from the undergraduate standpoint, also), college work comes first in importance. If the fraternity, by increasing the amount of social life, has taken away from good scholarship—not perfunctory work, but work with the inspiration of enthusiasm,—the fraternity is a most doubtful blessing to the girls and to the university. There is time for society later, college opportunities do not often return.—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

THE EDUCATIONAL PRESS.

In the annual publication of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae is an article on "The Control of Student Life" by Mary Bidwell Breed, Adviser of Women at Missouri State University. Miss Breed is herself a graduate of Bryn Mawr, and a non-fraternity woman. For this very reason she brings to bear an impartial judgment and a perspective which we who are within the fraternity can never hope to gain. Our regret is that we cannot reproduce the entire article for it is a keen analysis of some problems of co-education:

It is quite evident that the great national sororities—and I speak only of these, not of local or smaller organizations—are built up on ideals forever unattainable in practice, and therefore admira-

bly fitted permanently to stimulate effort. These sororities have a tremendous weight of tradition, and all over the Middle West their social prestige is recognized. They are admirable administrative machines. In fact, their solidity and organic individuality make the outsider wonder and admire. Their *alumnæ* include a majority of the strongest women graduates of the great universities, and these thoughtful *alumnæ* are keenly alive to the opportunities of their sororities. One prominent sorority woman, who was one of the leaders in organizing the Inter-Sorority Conference, said that the future of co-education, and therefore the future of the higher education of women in the Middle West, lies with the sororities. It is certainly true that the sororities could destroy co-education in spite of all efforts on the part of academic authorities to prevent, short of expelling those sororities. And though the sororities could never cover the whole field to be controlled, they could, if they would, practically maintain co-education; for they could do so much, if they really lived up to their own possibilities, that other problems of social life would solve themselves easily.

A sorority may, and often does, give a group of girls a really home-like place to live in. It gives its members considerable training in executive work of various kinds. It nearly always gives a girl a certain social ease; and if its own social usages are correct, it will transform an awkward girl into a young woman of charming manner. A good sorority fosters the spirit of loyalty and *esprit de corps* that girls so especially need to have developed; and it teaches a girl to keep a secret, to adjust herself cheerfully to difficulties, to subordinate her selfish interests to the good of others. In a properly managed chapter, the freshmen learn to accept guidance from the seniors, and the seniors have the inestimable benefit of being responsible for the good of the freshmen. In fact, if all under classmen were docile and amenable to wise seniors, and if all upper classmen were busy setting good examples to freshmen, again we should have the dawn of a millennium. Meanwhile, far as we are from this condition, I cheerfully bear witness to the good work of sororities, and I am willing to defend the thesis that the average sorority girl is better equipped for the vicissitudes of after life than her classmate who has lived in the average student boarding house.

I think I have given a fair idea of the elements of sorority strength. There are, I think, two inherent weaknesses, each of itself the reverse side of a great strength. The first weakness results from the irrevocable nature of the bond, more irrevocable

than marriage; for, while a girl and her sorority may be separated in rare cases, this divorce can never under any circumstances be followed by union with a different sorority. Once initiated the girl belongs to the sorority, to have its stamp put upon her, to be molded for life. And yet every year mistakes are made in forming this adamantine bond. From the sorority point of view, the damage to the chapter is usually emphasized; but I confess that my memory dwells on a few occasions when a girl has allowed me a glimpse of the sufferings of the individual who has made the mistake, a hint at the intolerable burden of the bond. The usual method of avoiding these mistakes, by postponing the choice for a year, safeguards both the chapter and the individual, but introduces a new problem—that is, what to do with freshmen. Under a system of late pledging, the freshmen are left in that Limbo—or shall we call it, in this case, Ante-Purgatory?—where hover the girls who are not sorority material. The second inherent weakness of the sorority lies in its exclusions. One cannot choose one's exclusive circle without leaving things outside. In general, sororities, being human institutions, have the defects of their qualities.

Now if they had only such defects, why could we not look forward to an immediate Utopia under Greek letter auspices? Let us recall the fact that the sorority chapter is simply a small group of girls arbitrarily marked off from the rest of that student body. A chapter contains nearly all the component elements of the student body—the descendant of colonial governors and the granddaughter of the peasant. While it is still true that the sororities take most of the girls who are in the best sense strong socially, they also take in ever increasing numbers the girls of the cheaper social standards, the girls who are trying to better their social positions. For one girl who is chosen for good breeding and general ability, two or three—or more, shall I say?—are chosen for their gowns, their coiffures and the names they can show on dance programs. Too often a girl is virtually chosen, not by the sorority members, but by the suffrages of interested fraternities. In rapid changes of student personnel one never knows when a chapter may pass entirely into the control of its own foolish and frivolous element, when the only seniors there are to guide freshmen are girls whose careers not even the sorority *alumnæ* try to justify. I have seen chapters lapse into such social bankruptcy, and while present social conditions and standards prevail, what better can the average chapter do than avoid such periods of lapse and keep the cheaper element down to a minimum? It is significant that writers on these

questions usually assume that the social dissipation that menaces co-education is confined to the Greek letter circle. Student opinion tacitly assumes the identification of the Greek letter world with the world of the frivolous, of the less worthy aims. These assumptions are probably as just as any rough generalization can be. Thoughtful sorority alumnae do not gainsay them. In fact, one sorority woman, well known in educational circles, who spends much of her time working for her own organization, told me recently that she expected the Greek letter organizations, within the next fifty years, to perish from their own internal corruption.

I should say then that, just as a great social problem in the university is imported into it by the entrance of students of cheap and low social standards and usages, so the greatest weakness of the sororities at present is a social weakness, taken on by them from their environment; and that this social weakness is a fatal obstacle in the way of their carrying out any such system of social control as is suggested by Mr. Birdseye. Another and only less serious obstacle is a financial one. I pass over this lightly, important as it is; but as long as some of the oldest sororities cannot afford to send an official visitor to their chapter for more than a few days every other year and as long as many chapters have no adequate funds for securing the right sort of chaperones to preside in their houses, so long will there be a financial obstacle in the way of sorority perfection.

The mention of this last matter recalls a fact which it is the fashion to ignore. The fact is that we of the Middle West are living and working in a very young country, less than a hundred years old on the average. The garment that we call civilization is very thin as yet in the West, full of holes and liable to tear. The people who are busy at the making of this garment are true creators on the earthly plane; and they have the rewards of the maker, the poet; but it is a false sort of optimism to think that the flimsy garment is as stout as the heavier one. In the thrill of the creative effort, the great, vital civilization is uncomfortable, therefore a chiffon garment wears better than one of stout cloth. In the face of such logic, I still regret that the sororities are too poor to pay for visitors and high-priced chaperones. In the face of such assertions, I still think that there are, not only in the sororities, but still more in the student body as a whole, certain things unsatisfactory, crude and unfinished, that time alone will ameliorate. Meanwhile, we cannot make the frail tissue stand the strain borne by the older fabrics. For the present generation seems to be thoroughly habit-

uated to the manners and customs of Tommy Atkins; it knows more than its elders, knows that it knows more and hides not its knowledge; it scandalizes its visitors and friends, and then compels their bewildered admiration; it flocks to the university, works tremendously there and makes havoc of academic traditions; it keeps sorority houses full of noise, free-and-easy manners and jolly girls; it knows not the word control or the word reverence or the word fail. For these young barbarians, some of whom masquerade as Greeks, I do not believe that any satisfactory system of control can be gotten by machinery, whether of faculty or of deans, or of sororities, or of what not. Machine work is all very well on wood or iron or linen, but it is merely a makeshift on young human beings.

As to pressing problems of social control immediately confronting us, of course there are numerous expedients. We may coax, persuade, threaten, make rules and discipline offenders. The national Greek letter organizations can do much to help, and they would themselves grow stronger if their help were oftener asked. Their national chapters are always willing to do the utmost in their power in response to an appeal. Far more effectively than the Greek letter organizations, the students themselves can help. The social excesses make a certain set of students conspicuous, but back of that set there are always the majority—the eager, industrious, steady young people into whose sturdy ranks the frivolous come almost as intruders. Any one who lives in a state university appreciates the weight of conservatism of the student body.

But though the ultimate solution of our problem of social control lies with the next generation, and will develop as civilization develops; though we may find that temporary expedients in the way of machine control are all more or less unsatisfactory; let it not be thought that we must fold our hands, or be content with purely temporary expedients. Two agencies are at work now, always available, really effective, though perhaps not sufficiently appreciated in educational high places. These agencies are, first, the humanizing and cultivating pursuit of liberal studies; and second, the informal, continuous influence of well-bred, cultured men and women. These agencies are simple, subtle and costly, not so much in money as in far more precious things, such as time and thought. To discuss the ameliorating effect of humane studies when brought to bear through the personality of a great teacher, would lead me too far afield. But in this day of original research too little recognition is given to the services of the man who merely teaches su-

premely well; and it is quite as short-sighted to leave this influence out of account in our consideration of student problems as it is to forget, in discussing sociological questions, the stupendous realities of religion. And incidentally, stiffening the requirements for entrance and graduation would be a most efficacious remedy for "harmless flirtations."

Outside the classroom the most effective control of student life at present is exerted by gentlemen and gentlewomen of culture and experience, some of them in official capacities, some in more or less accidental contact with university life, but all in close personal touch with individual students, few or many. A woman of great experience and authority in educational matters once said to me that the *place* in which effective influence could be brought to bear was in the house where the student slept and ate. My own experience confirms this entirely. A former dean of women, whose long experience was filled with success, said once that the only really effective work she did was that perfectly informal mingling with the women students in committee work and in student frolics, where her footing was personal, not official. This utterance is so true that one may almost call it inspired. The real control of student life is the often unconscious influence of men and women who lodge in the same houses, work on committees, or perhaps merely live ordered, thoughtful lives in the house next door or across the street. On the other hand, the most perfect machine ever invented is just a machine, even if it is a Self-Government Association, or a sorority, or a whole galaxy of deans and tutors and proctors; and it never could do more than whiten the outside of student life if it were not helped by the presence of gentlefolk in and among that student body, acting in unseen, unrecognized influence, like the still small voice.

Other most interesting articles in this same publication are "Research Work for Women" by Henry Morse Stephens, "Forms and Results of Student Social Activities" by Lucy Sprague, and "The Unsociable Student" by Evelyn W. Allan.

EDITORIALS

At this season we hear from every chapter of girls who expect to leave college with their course unfinished. We ask these girls to consider carefully the advantages of which they are depriving themselves.

The freshman year at college is a transitional period between the preparatory school and university life. The college work is largely prescribed. The freshman is too frequently so devoted to her fraternity that she allows it to narrow her interests, limiting her acquaintance to comparatively few outside of it. The first year is spent in adjustment to new environment, social and intellectual.

In her second year the student's endeavors are taking definite form; she is better prepared to make the most of her opportunities and to take upon herself some responsibilities. Her acquaintance widens. A few healthful shocks and disappointments aid her in acquiring a finer balance, a juster sense of proportion.

But it is only the upper classman who can get the best from her college life; she has discovered her own possibilities and she may now know the pleasure of following, without undue dictation, her own intellectual bent. The senior is more closely associated with those thinkers on the teaching force who are adding something to the sum of knowledge. This is a boon not to be disregarded. The opportunity to investigate herself some problem, however simple, to cast aside her texts and use the brain that has been so long preparing for active service; this opportunity is reward for much drudgery, and inspiration for much work; Only to the senior or graduate, can this be given.

But academic work is only one side of college life, and in its other aspects also the senior year is the best that college affords. Without it the college life is not a well rounded whole. The senior's wider acquaintance outside of her fraternity, her responsibility for the success of the various college enterprises, are necessary for her best development. In her first years in the college, as well as in the fraternity, the student has accepted that which has been

done for her. In her later course it is her duty as well as her privilege to give to others that which she herself has taken. No woman has made the most of her opportunities until she has found the fair balance between the benefits received and the services rendered. The fraternity woman especially owes it to her fraternity to make every possible effort to return and complete her work. It is not fair for her to accept that which has been done for her unless she takes her place in turn as the strong, just senior, who helps to mold the habits of the impressionable freshman. The satisfaction of work completed and well done, of which the diploma is the symbol, is not a small reward. And can any influence be more potent in developing the best of which a girl is capable than the consciousness that she is the embodiment of the ideals of some loyal little freshman, and that to fall below the standard thus set for her is to wound and disappoint one who has believed in her finest womanhood?

We hope that all Kappa Alpha Thetas who are eligible, are members of the general Association of Collegiate Alumnae, whether they belong to an organized branch or not. The organization for its aims and its accomplishments deserves the support of college-bred women, while its publications are well worth the moderate annual dues to one who is interested in the progress and results of education for American women.

At the end of this issue will be found supplementary pages to the catalogue of 1908. The pages contain lists of the 1908-1909 initiates and corrections in addresses of old members, arranged by chapters. No attempt has been made here to correct the alphabetical or geographical lists, nor have slight corrections of spelling been included. These will be made in the next general catalogue. We thank the alumnae who have so promptly responded to our request for correction. All further information will please be sent

to the cataloguer, Miss Minna Stillman, Stanford University, Calif.

We wish to emphasize the request made in the Grand Council letter of March 1 that delegates should be sent *uninstructed*. We therefore reprint a paragraph from the letter of the Grand Secretary:

The convention's aim is broader than its program concerning organization, government, policy, etc. Its great purpose is to bring the chapters near one another; to exchange ideas and plans; to unify standards; to develop an *esprit de corps*; to broaden conceptions of fraternity; to build loyalty and fraternity spirit on an appreciative understanding of Kappa Alpha Theta. . . .

A chapter must not limit its delegate's usefulness by minute instructions. The papers and discussions at convention bring out many facts upon every topic and the reasons, pro and con, for proposed legislation. No chapter can know these beforehand. It is unjust to pass judgment upon any question before the evidence is heard in full. It hampers the progress of our fraternity and is unfair to a delegate to send her with detailed instructions. Be sure she knows the principles and ideals that guide her chapter's acts and then trust her to cast a vote in accord with these in the light of convention study. Such a vote is sure to be for the best interests of both the chapter and the fraternity, while an instructed vote may be quite contrary to the chapter's wish in the light of the understanding of a question that convention alone can give.

All Thetas now active, who are to be inactive during 1909-1910 should subscribe early for the JOURNAL. Each year we receive subscriptions with a request for back numbers which are out of print. Make sure early that you will receive the convention number next fall.

Chapters that have not purchased a catalogue for their chapter archives should do so at once before they are out of print.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zeta Tau Alpha has been admitted to the National Pan-Hellenic Association since she now has completed the eligibility requirements.

Omega Chapter needs the following issues to complete her file:

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TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING OF ALUMNÆ CHAPTERS.

Mu Alumnæ:

2 P. M. Second Saturday of each month from September to May inclusive, at homes of members.

Chairman of Membership Committee, Mary Helen Cross, 1980 E. 116th St.

Delta Alumnæ:

Third Saturday in each month at 11:30 in northeast corner of Field's Tea Room.

Gamma Alumnæ:

First Saturday in the month from November to April inclusive, at the Hotel Martha Washington, 29 East Twenty-Ninth St., New York City, at 11:30 o'clock. The chapter cordially welcomes any Kappa Alpha Theta in or about New York. There is also a Help Committee, the object of which is to be of service in any possible way to Kappa Alpha Thetas in the vicinity.

Chairman of the Help Committee is Miss Florence Durstine, 67 Riverside Drive, New York City.

Beta Alumnæ:

Luncheon at Donaldson's Tea Room, Minneapolis, on the first Saturday in each month.

Zeta Alumnæ:

Meetings at homes of members. Thetas who are accessible please notify Mrs. L. R. Naftzger, 1821 North Delaware St., Indianapolis.

Iota Alumnæ:

Iota Alumnæ meetings are held regularly from October to June at the homes of members. Visitors to California are invited to send their names and addresses to Miss Sue Barnwell, 954 South Union Ave., Los Angeles, in order that the hospitality of the chapter may be extended to them.

Xi Alumnæ:

Meetings the last Saturday of every month at homes of members. Thetas in the vicinity will please notify Mrs. Fred B. Rose, 4404 Harrison St., Kansas City, Mo.

Omicron Alumnæ meets the last Saturday in each month at houses of members.

CHAPTER LETTERS**Alpha District****IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY**

Founder's Day was celebrated by us at Mrs. Comstock's and with a number of our alumnæ present it was a real birthday party. We had a special treat when Mrs. Comstock read us the Chapter History which she had written, giving us interesting little personal items about those graduates of "away back," whose names only are familiar to us.

We are to be congratulated on our new pledge, Lillian Whiteley of Philadelphia, Pa., 1912, who was initiated February 10.

While it is still fresh in our minds, perhaps you would like to hear something of our Junior Week celebrations.

It began January 26 when a large number of the fraternity houses opened their doors to the Junior Week girls, and progressive dances were held with visiting from house to house. Wednesday evening the Cornell Masque offered its "only and original Oolong" for our approval, followed by the Sophomore Cotillion in the Armory. The next evening the Glee and Mandolin Clubs entertained a large and

enthusiastic audience with old and new songs. The great events of the week, however, were the "Junior Prom" and the Ice Carnival. This carnival made Beebe Lake look like Fairyland with its border of hemlocks in the boughs of which sparkled red and white lights. The calm night echoed with the shouts of the tobogganers and the ring of the skates, while the band struck its liveliest tunes.

The championship game between '10 and '11 basket-ball teams was played off last Wednesday, March 31, and '10 came off the victor with a score of 14-1.

A small informal dance was given by Sara Bailey, '09, at her home for the seniors of the fraternity.

Early in March Mrs. Rowe, '00, one of our alumnae received for an old Iota friend, Louise Katz, '00.

We hope to be blessed with many and long visits from our alumnae during our final stay in college.

SARA BAILEY.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Up here in Vermont we are still buried in snow and ice, but hope to have thawed out before this letter reaches our sister Thetas. The winter has been crowded with work and good times; parties indoors and skating, snow-shoeing, sleigh-rides and tobogganning out-doors. February 22, the annual Kake Walk was held. The specialties were more original and entertaining than ever before. This year, as last, the cup and cake were awarded to Phi Delta Theta who presented "The Fountain of Youth." Other particularly attractive performances were, "The Gleeful, Gruesome Ghouls," by Sigma Phi, and "Works of Art," by Sigma Nu.

March 20, the women's fraternities gave up their meeting and the girls of 1909 entertained the faculty ladies and all of the college girls at Grassmount, the women's dormitory. They gave the bright little farce, "A West Point Regulation." The fraternities are intending to give up one Saturday night every month to a general meeting at which each class, in order is to provide entertainment.

The last of April the Musical presented "The Japanese

Girl." Besides six Thetas in the chorus, Lois Redmond had the leading part and three others solo parts.

The speakers for Julia Spear Prize Speaking were chosen in March. Lois Redmond and Meta Baker represented Kappa Alpha Theta.

Junior week comes the first of June this year. There will be the usual list of dances, banquets, and ball games. The junior girls are planning a dinner party during the week.

The U. of V. Alumnae Club have planned a series of lectures to be given in April by Professors G. H. Perkins and H. F. Perkins, Bishop A. C. A. Hall, and Miss Kinne, head of the department of domestic science of teacher's college.

We are making our plans for convention. Of course we should all like to be there. Those who do go will be glad to meet as real, human beings the Thetas with whom they already feel acquainted through fraternity ties.

RUTH VOTEY.

SIGMA—TORONTO UNIVERSITY

Since our last letter Sigma has held two initiations. On December 3 Helen Smellie of the year '12, was initiated in our chapter room in Professor Mavor's house. When the ceremony was over we descended to the dining room where through Mrs. Mavor's kindness, our banquet was spread. The usual toasts were drunk and the Theta songs sung with even more than usual fervor and loyalty, as they recalled to many of the girls present the happy days spent at Sigma's house party last summer.

The second initiation was held January 23 during Miss Cockins' visit to us. Two sophomores, Blanche Steele and Bessie Graydon were then received into Kappa Alpha Theta. We united our Founder's Day celebration with our initiation this year, and had a splendid and very jolly supper in our fraternity room, several of our alumnae being with us.

We were pleased indeed, to have Miss Cockins with us for two days this last month. Her visit seemed all too

short, but it certainly was a great pleasure for us to have her here for our initiation.

This year the women students in residence entertained the faculty by presenting Russell's play "Deirdre." This was an event of interest as it has never before been produced on this continent and there are only two or three copies of it in this country. There were three Thetas in the cast of ten, Marion Coats, '10, taking the part of "Dierdre."

The academic year is almost over now and all social activity has well-nigh ceased. The various years are holding their final class meetings. We have a custom here in Toronto of having on our year executives some eighteen officers comprising a poetess, prophetess, historian, judge and and orator, as well as the more usual officers. Their duty consists in writing and reading at the final class meeting of the year, a poem, prophesy, history, etc., for the class. The executive is of course rather too large to be as easily managed as a small one, but we have found that the custom affords us a great deal of fun.

Our Pan-Hellenic Association held a luncheon this year on March 13. It is the first time that anything of the kind has been attempted, but it proved such a success that we hope to make it an annual affair. There were present about forty girls from the four sororities in college and after the luncheon we had speeches from several of the seniors on subjects of general fraternity interest.

The elections of the Women's Literary Society were held early in March also, when one of our girls was elected Recording Secretary for next year. The Lit. elections are always one of the great events of our college year. Everyone goes provided with candy, fruit, pickles, or something of the kind, and, as the voting is done by elimination there is a great deal of time taken up in polling and counting the ballots during which we dance. The candy is intended primarily to bribe people to vote for your friends, but the system of bribery is not very complicated as everyone takes

everything that is offered to her and then votes just as she chooses.

The girls in residence in Queen's Hall are to have a "Senior's Dinner" on April 2. This is the first one they have ever had but it is to be an annual affair henceforth.

We are to have our "Seniors' Tea" on April 5 as a farewell gathering for the three who are to graduate from our active chapter this year.

ALICE BALL, '11.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Since our last appearance in the JOURNAL, our freshman class has undergone some changes. We have lost Adeline Kolbe, who was obliged to return to her home in New York City. We have gained two strong girls, Mary Clapp, Syracuse, who is pledged, and Virginia Hough, an affiliate from Baltimore.

This year Boar's Head, the dramatic society, is giving two plays, "The Cricket on the Hearth" which occurred January 12, and "The Magistrate," which came February 8. In both plays Chi was represented by Bricea Wright, '09, who played "May Fielding" in "The Cricket on the Hearth" and "Emma Popham" in "The Magistrate."

On February 1, a university mass meeting was held to celebrate our naval victories at Poughkeepsie last June and cups were presented to the victorious crews.

Syracuse has been making history lately. March 13, the college debating team defeated George Washington University by a unanimous decision, the first time in twelve years that their team has met defeat.

Last Thursday we held our second annual gym party, and it was a great success. It was an indoor track meet. The girls appeared in gymnasium suits, and paid for each event they entered. The proceeds are to go to the Silver Bay Club.

The Fake Show is once more a thing of the past. This year the scheme was Arctic;—the opera was laid at and near the North Pole, and the midway was called the "Refrigerator Line."

The sophomore and freshman girls' basket-ball teams have played the deciding game of the year. The sophomores won, so that two of our girls, who are on the team, have won their S's,—Marie L. Kolbe and Sophia M. Steese.

While you are reading this, we will be preparing for Moving-Up Day, when our six seniors, Eloise Andrews, Lois Frazee, Carrie Fraser, Helen Wombough, Bricea Wright, and Helen Wright, will don the caps and gowns, and sing the Senior Wail.

The air is full of Convention these days. Marian Sweet is to be our delegate, and as many of the rest of us as possibly can, will be there.

EDNA M. ACKERMAN.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

The Annual Declamation contest for the Andrew C. Pearson prizes took place on December 4. The eight members of the team were chosen from the junior and senior classes. It was a splendid contest all through. Alpha Beta was particularly delighted that Priscilla Goodwyn, one of our juniors, won first place, her selection being entitled, "The Last Love Feast."

Early in the winter two Thetas now studying at Bryn Mawr came over to Swarthmore for fraternity meeting. They were Miss Lucas of Delta and Miss Millman of Sigma.

Last December a Student Government Rally was held at Swarthmore. Miss Hull (Hannah Clothier, A.B. '92), spoke about conditions before student government was introduced, and then several ex-presidents traced the development by pointing out the important changes. The rally ended with an informal tea and with increased enthusiasm among the girls for student government.

On December 18 the active chapter gave a dance at the new club-house which has just been completed here at Swarthmore.

It is too soon yet to definitely decide about sophomore pledge-day, but thus far rushing has been much decreased. The Pan-Hellenic rules are observed by all the fraternities

and there have been few dispensations asked and few disputes to settle.

Mrs. Harris (Caroline Comly, '00), gave a tea on Feb. 24 for Caroline Atkinson, one of our seniors.

On February 28 the girls' annual Glee Club concert was held in Parrish Hall, under the direction of Mr. Thunden.

Early in March the Swarthmore men gave a circus performance in their gymnasium. The chief features were the wild animals, the clowns, the acrobats, and the minstrel show at the close.

The young women's extemporaneous speaking contest was held on March 11. Ten girls were chosen by a preliminary contest to contest for the prizes. The girls all did extremely well,—the third place was won by one of our juniors.

The next contest was a gymnastic one, held between both classes and individuals. Each class was represented by a team of eight girls. Three of the judges were Alpha Beta alumnae—Mabel Sullivan, '07, Dorothy Lister, '08, and Katherine Wolff, '08. The seniors were victors.

On March 20 the "college reception" was given by the four classes to the faculty, the outside friends of the college and to the senior classes of the various preparatory schools. It was held in the men's gymnasium and was a great success.

This spring for the first time Swarthmore is supporting a baseball team. Hitherto lacrosse has been the spring sport, and the teams have done remarkably well in all the college games. Everyone seems very enthusiastic about the baseball project but we can hardly expect to be as successful in that for the first season as we have been in lacrosse.

ETHEL M. ALBERTSON.

ALPHA DELTA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

On February 2, Dr. Eugene Allen Noble was formally installed as President of the Woman's College. The exercises were held in the First Methodist Episcopal Church which adjoins the college buildings. This occasion was a

noteworthy event in our college life. As we celebrated this fall our twentieth anniversary, we feel proud of the progress made in this short time and that a new era and larger activities are opening before us.

Over fifty institutions of learning were represented at the installation; among these representatives were twenty presidents of institutions. The student body led the procession from the college to the church, followed by the alumnæ and representatives.

Bishop William F. McDowell of the Methodist Episcopal Church presided. A letter of greeting was read from our beloved Dr. Goucher, President Emeritus, who is on his way to the Holy Land. Dr. Goucher was among those rescued recently from the wreck of the Republic off the coast of Massachusetts. One of the most notable addresses was delivered by President Henry Smith Pritchett of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

He was followed by Dr. Elmer Ellsworth Brown, United States Commissioner of Education. Dr. Ira Remsen, President of Johns Hopkins University, gave an address of welcome to Baltimore as the "center of education." He spoke of the attitude of Johns Hopkins University toward the higher education of women, which after fifteen years' experience is favorable.

Bishop McDowell installed the new president in a simple address. The hood of the L.L.H.D. degree, lined with the blue and gold of Baltimore, was presented to Dr. Noble by two of the alumnæ.

In the evening a reception was given to President and Mrs. Noble in Goucher Hall. The students enjoyed to the utmost the opportunity of seeing and meeting the distinguished visitors, many of whom we have known by name only, and revered, through the mazes of a learned textbook.

To speak a little of Alpha Delta's own affairs, we have given two charming teas, one before the holidays to the girls of the Latin School which is associated with the college; and the other January 16, to Mrs. Noble and some of the

faculty, the number being limited to the capacity of the "cozy corner." On Founder's Day our three seniors planned a re-union at the home of Esther Donnelly Smith, Psi, in Roland Park.

On February 12, we received for the first time after mid-year and gave a tea for our friends among the non-sorority girls. As this was Lincoln's birthday, patriotic decorations honored the day. The freshmen of the fraternity gave the chapter a most delightful Valentine party on February 13.

Alma Jaggle, 1911, has been kept out of college by illness since the first of February. We expect her back after the spring vacation which closes April 1.

The College Spirit Committee of Student Organization has arranged for the performance of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," in the gymnasium, on Saturday evening, April 3. This will be followed by an hour of good fellowship.

The junior entertainment for the freshmen given the last of February consisted of a pantomime, "Sleeping Beauty," translated from the German, with a musical accompaniment. The dances and calcium lights gave a most artistic effect.

Pan-Hellenic Association meets once a month to revise and regulate rules for rushing season next year. The rules worked so well this year that the same general plan will be followed for next year.

ETHEL LUCCOCK.

ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY

The usual vesper services are being held in Sayles Hall on Wednesday afternoons, and we have had the pleasure of hearing such distinguished men as Hugh Black, Dean Fenn of the "Harvard Divinity School," and Lyman Abbott.

Dean King has followed her custom of former years, and invited the students to a series of informal teas at her home during February. These teas are always delightful, and we greatly value the opportunity to meet Dean King socially.

The inter-class basket-ball games have been played off,

resulting in a victory for the juniors. 1910 was also victorious in the Senior-Junior Debate.

This year, for the first time, the Women's College is to issue a year-book, independent of the university as a whole. Although the book is still in the initial stages, and our chief work so far has consisted of sitting for countless pictures in all sorts and kinds of groups, the girls have a genuine interest in it and we feel sure that it will succeed.

The college sustained a heavy loss this winter in the death of Professor Benjamin Clarke, the Senior Professor of the university, a man respected and beloved for his fine character and gracious personality, as well as for his ability as a teacher.

The chapter dance on January 6 proved to be a great success. Our Founder's Day exercises were very successful and we take great pleasure in introducing to the fraternity, Marjorie P. Wood, '11, who was pledged on that evening.

At the opening of the spring term we are finding ourselves in the novel situation of having as yet not a freshman in our chapter. In way of experiment the various sororities agreed this year upon a long contract which required invitations from all to be sent out through the office on March 24 and postponed pledging until after April 1. As to the success of the contract there is some difference of opinion. It has had the advantage of enabling us to draw our conclusions with regard to the freshmen more deliberately and with less risk of making mistakes; but, on the other hand, it has cost us companionship with the new girls for the best part of the year, and since personal rushing has been unrestricted the freshmen have been under a strain longer than usual yet not less hard. But we are hoping for a pledge-day now very soon when we may add several congenial new members to the chapter.

This year the Student Government Association has arranged to spread out over the whole year entertainments which hitherto always showed a tendency to crowd themselves into the last month of college.

JOSEPHINE T. SACKETT, '09.

ALPHA ZETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

Alpha Zeta wishes to announce a new member, Evelyn Holt, '09, who transferred to Barnard this fall from Bryn Mawr. The initiation took place on Thursday, January 14, at the home of one of our married alumnæ. In spite of a very stormy night and approaching examinations a goodly number of Thetas were present. We were especially glad to have with us Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Lawshe, and Mrs. Chapel of Phi; Miss Slocum of Alpha Epsilon and Miss McClelland of Alpha Delta.

The university is greatly interested at present in the Lincoln and Darwin centennials. A course of lectures have been arranged on Darwin and Darwinian principles in connection with the anniversary of his birth. Professor Osborne of Columbia and other well known scientists will deliver addresses in this series.

In our own college we are beginning to feel great need of a new building. This is looked upon as an indication of healthy growth, and the undergraduates as well as the faculty and trustees are zealous in starting plans for securing necessary funds. The proceeds of the undergraduate play for this year will be devoted to this cause, and it is hoped that this expression of student interest, while not perhaps of great pecuniary advantage, may convince more influential persons of Barnard's needs.

Alpha Zeta chapter is glad to announce that we have pledged six sophomores: Louise Allen, Agnes Denike, Louie Johnson, May Shaw, Katherine Sickels, and Camilla Stewart, all of New York City. After our long wait we take a great pleasure in these new members. Two are younger sisters of old girls, and all came well recommended.

Several of our girls have been very busy over the Societe Française play which was given in collaboration with the Columbia Societe. Cecile Deboney, who is president, Evelyn Holt, Nathalie Thorne, and Louise Allen were all in the caste. The presentation was very successful, and we feel proud of our fine French scholars.

The Commencement activities are beginning to be

thought of already, for graduation is to take place on June 2. Alpha Zeta is kept keenly aware of the approaching festivities with two members of the Senior Dance Committee, one of the Tree Day Committee, and a Class Day orator in our midst. Six of the chapter expect to graduate.

The year now passing has been marked by advance in the college along many lines. The curriculum has been made more difficult, and strenuous measures have been taken to bring the students up to a high grade of work. As a consequence, we live in daily expectation of "spring quizzes" and no one either dares or cares to cut a class. The students themselves have been trying to raise the standard of student activities. Fewer plays have been given, and more interest has been shown in the serious side of college life.

THEODORA HALL.

ALPHA KAPPA—ADELPHI COLLEGE

Mid-years are over, and now we may welcome our new Thetas, Edna Stoughton, a senior who has come to Adelphi from Smith College, and four freshmen, Marguerite Sutphin, president of 1912 and a sister of one of our literary lights, Clara Mahler, treasurer, Marie Balmanno and Kate Meehan.

The Gamma Alumnæ banquet in honor of Founder's Day was fine. We enjoyed it immensely and were certainly proud of Dr. MacLean, the Theta on our faculty, who was a guest of honor at the banquet. She gave a toast to "The Ideal College Girl." There'd be nothing more to strive for if we were only like that. Here's hoping!

We have moved since our last letter, into a fine little apartment across from college. We formally opened it as a Kappa Alpha Theta home with that examination you all know so well about. A little later, we gave a really truly housewarming for all our Theta friends in the city and our own local society girls who never had an opportunity of wearing the kite. The dean of the college was our guest of honor, and as this was the first time we have entertained her since she came to Adelphi last year, we were very proud of the large number of Thetas who were out.

The next week we gave our one and only party to the freshmen who entered in February. The day of this party, we were joyfully surprised by a present,—a dozen spoons with K A Θ on the handles. The father of one of the girls sent them.

A classical club has lately been organized at Adelphi and we are proud to claim the president, May Townsend.

We have been quite excited this year by three weddings among our alumnae. We have adopted a permanent wedding present,—a silver card tray with the fraternity letters in the center.

MARION SUKEFORTH.

Beta District

ALPHA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY

Since the spring term opened at De Pauw, two girls have been pledged to Theta: Miriam Parr, Kokomo, Ind., and Margaret Keiper, La Fayette, Ind.

Helen Sunday, who has been travelling in the west, has re-entered college.

The last few weeks have been of great significance to the university. Our new President, Dr. F. J. McConnell, was inaugurated on March 10. Many prominent guests were invited to assist in the services and on the Sunday preceding inauguration day, Rev. T. Nicholson delivered the address at university service. On Monday night, the De Pauw Glee Club gave its home concert and on Tuesday night the Educational Symposium took place in Meharry Hall. At this gathering many very prominent men extended greetings and congratulations to the university as it opened a new epoch in its history. On Wednesday, Dr. E. H. Hughes, former President of De Pauw, delivered the charge, and Dr. McConnell responded with his inaugural address upon "The Christian Ideal and the Pursuit of Knowledge," after which he received the keys of office from Hon. Hugh Dougherty, President of the Board of Trustees. Dr. McConnell is everywhere recognized as a man of extreme ability and we feel certain that the university will greatly succeed under the guidance of our new president.

On Wednesday evening, Dr. McConnell and his wife received for the Board of Trustees, visiting alumni and parents of the students.

"Coming out" day of the seniors was observed on Tuesday, before inauguration, instead of the first of the spring term.

This term the Indiana State Convention of Y. M. C. A. will be held at De Pauw.

Alpha was pleased to have as a visitor at one fraternity meeting Miss Potter, Dean of Women at Northwestern University.

It has been the custom for many years for the freshmen to present some gift to the fraternity. This year they gave a silver loving cup.

The fraternity again loses two of its members, Glenn Simison, '12, and Mary Dyer Lemon, '10.

The new Carnegie Library which was erected at a cost of \$50,000 and which has been endowed with a like amount by the alumni of this institution, has been opened for use.

ANNIE IBACH.

BETA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA

Indiana University celebrated its anniversary January 20. Classes were dismissed for the day and every effort was made to have Founder's Day of 1909 a memorable one for the college. In the morning was the student parade which the seniors in their caps and gowns led. At the exercises that followed the parade Nelle Marie Williams (1912), played a violin solo. She was accompanied by Jess Beeler (1912). The night before, January 19, "Strut and Fret" gave its annual Founder's Day play at the Harris Grand Theatre. "Whitewashing Julia" was the name of the clever little comedy and it was presented very successfully to a large and enthusiastic audience. Theta was well represented in the cast—Hilda Palmer (1909) took the leading role of Julia. Ruth Keltner and Helen Norris had smaller parts.

Our own Founder's Day luncheon for the Thetas of Indiana was at Indianapolis January 29. There was a good

representation from the active chapters and alumnæ came from all over the state. Beta's toast was given by Hilda Palmer.

February 19, the Women's League gave its annual masquerade dance at the Student Building, for the women of the college.

April 5, we had an informal dance for Beta's three new pledges, Edith Pfaffenberger, Elwood, Ind., Louise Alexander, Vincennes, Ind., and Mencie Myers of Monticello, Ind. The former was pledged at the last of the winter term, and the last two on matriculation day of the present.

Two members of Beta chapter have made an unusual record for her in scholarship during the past term. Ruth Keltner, Anderson, Ind., and Hilda Palmer, Monticello, have been granted scholarships to Wellesley, the former through the English department, the latter in Latin.

Another honor has come to Beta through one of her inactive members, Mame Swindler, A.B. Indiana University, '05, who has been granted recently a European fellowship in Greek to the University of Heidelberg, from Bryn Mawr. Miss Swindler went to the eastern college through a scholarship from Indiana in Greek, and won a fellowship in her favorite study over a large field of contestants.

GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE

Gamma Chapter has started on her spring term with eighteen active members. We have started a building fund for a new chapter house.

We have again rented the log cabin and all have taken a renewed interest in fixing it up. The large room has been made into the living room, and is in mission style, while the small room is being arranged for a Japanese tea room. This we use for fraternity meetings as well as for our spreads and general good times.

We ended the winter term with our formal dance which was carried out in Japanese design.

Much interest is being manifested by the active and alumnæ girls of Gamma chapter, in regard to the conven-

tion this summer, and many of us expect to accompany our delegate.

It seems as if greater enthusiasm and interest is being shown around the college by the students and faculty, in co-operation for college life and spirit; arrangements are now being made to have a Student Council.

The senior class is going to present a play on Class Day, in the caste of which one of our girls is a member.

Saturday, February 6, the fifty-fourth annual Founder's Day of Butler College was celebrated with a banquet at the Claypool hotel. The following Monday a play, *Best Laid Plans* was given in the college chapel. Helen Davis one of this year's girls took the leading part. Two minor parts were also taken by Thetas.

HELEN REED.

EPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF WOOSTER

The first event after Christmas vacation was the initiation of four of our pledges, Ruth Margaret, Amy March, Belle Anderson and Faye McCurdy. The next week we initiated Louise Waddell, Grace Young, Florence May and Ada May at the home of Clarissa and Adelia Annat. After the initiation we had a banquet, at which our town alumnæ were present, and also a number of girls from out of town.

We are proud possessors of a very handsome new leather davenport of mission style, the gift of our alumnæ. As our hall is furnished almost entirely in mission style, this is a fine addition to it.

Epsilon is busy getting out some little booklets containing matters of interest about the fraternity and about the college in general, which we intend to send to our alumnæ. This, perhaps, has put us in rather a retrospective mood, and as we think over the year that is almost past, we feel that we have been very fortunate. There are a few occasions that come before our minds most vividly,—the pledging of our nine freshmen, of whom we are justly proud; our initiation and Founder's Day banquet, which were held at the same time, with forty-two active and alumnæ Thetas present; and also our annual Theta party, a

six course dinner, held at the home of Lera Avison, at which we entertained seventy people.

A number of our girls are planning to attend the convention. We certainly wish that we could all be there to greet our Theta sisters from all over the country.

Our prospects for another year were never brighter. We expect about twenty of our girls back, for we have only two seniors, and as for new girls, Wooster is attracting more and finer girls each year; for, with its seven splendid buildings, two girls' dormitories, and an endowment amounting to \$800,000, it can offer advantages well worth seeking.

KATHERINE MCCURDY.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Examinations are at last over to the satisfaction of all for Eta has received no official blue letters. This year, we had three hour examinations, lasting two weeks and consequently we were less worn out than usual, and more ready for the new semester.

One of the leading activities among the girls of the university at present is the raising of funds for a Women's Athletic Field. In the spring, just before his death, Regent Peter White gave fifteen hundred dollars for this purpose. A skating party in January swelled the fund considerably and a dance in February netted almost three hundred dollars. This was held in the Waterman and Barbour gymnasiums, which the Junior Hop decorations helped to make attractive.

On December 12, The University Comedy Club presented Barrie's clever play, *The Admirable Crichton*, in the Whitney Theatre, and in February, repeated the performance for the J—Hop guests.

The Michigan Union came up to the standard of last year's operetta *Michigenda*, this year, in *Culture*. As the *Michigan Alumnus* says:

"Culture was especially characterized by its finish. The music was extraordinarily good, tuneful and original. The libretto was a clever satire upon certain contemporaneous

aspects of university life, good-natured and innocuous. The special feature which pleased the audience were the inimitable trio, Stress, Strain and Resistance, who under the direction of Professor "Essenar," solved everything, by the aid of a giant slide rule. Their conversation "on the installment plan," in which each one said one word of every expression in turn, and the little jig step, to which they always made their entrance or exit, convulsed the audience. The play written by students, was also produced entirely by the students, the orchestra and committees in charge, being almost entirely, with the exception of unimportant parts, under student direction."

Mrs. Eichrodt of Gamma chapter is spending a few weeks in Ann Arbor, with her son who is a student in the university. Mrs. Eichrodt has visited us several times and we are very glad to welcome her again.

We are very sorry to lose from the chapter one of our freshmen, Ruby Scott, who has left college on account of ill health. We are rejoicing in another pledge, Ruby Reverence of Detroit, now a senior in high school, and at the same time grieving over the loss of another active girl, Gladys Pearson, '11, who was called home to Fremont in March.

On April 2, the annual banquet for University of Michigan women was held in the Barbour gymnasium. At this time a memorial to President Angell, whose resignation goes into effect in October, was read by Mrs. Hussey. After the banquet, the guests were entertained by the junior girls in their original play. One of Eta's members, Lucie Harmon, '10, appeared in this in the rôle of a priestess.

The Woman's Athletic Association gave two vaudeville performances, April 3, to raise money for the prospective athletic field. The vaudeville was strictly original and as far as entertainment goes, proved a great success.

During the spring vacation, April 9 to April 19, we expect to give the use of our house—as the other sororities are doing,—to the delegates of the Delta Gamma convention, which meets in Ann Arbor at that time.

AGNES G. CARPENTER.

MU ALUMNÆ—CLEVELAND, OHIO

The big all-college event of the year, the Washington's Birthday banquet, is now a thing of the past, together with the bazaar, given by the Hall girls, which seems to have become an annual event also. We are rehearsing for a little musical play to be given in the near future.

April 11, 12 and 13 the Thoburn Jubilee will be held in Meadville, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Bishop Thoburn's first sailing for India. Bishop Thoburn is one of Allegheny's most honored alumni and it seems peculiarly fitting that such a celebration should be held in the college from which he went to undertake his splendid missionary labors.

The whole college has been saddened by the death of Edna Baker, a member of the local organization of Theta Sigma. As a Hall girl we had come into close touch with her and her sudden death was a great blow to us all.

We have been fortunate in having had several of our alumnae in chapter meetings lately and these brief visits have made us doubly anxious for commencement time and the return of the old girls, many of whom we are hoping to have back for our Pan banquet in May, as well.

HELEN. MURRAY.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

The Girls' Glee Club Concert was the first social event opening the winter term. It was unusually successful, having many clever topicals on the faculty and college organizations, and several new ideas were carried out.

This year, on Founder's Day, Epsilon Alumnae entertained the active chapter with a play, "Alice in Wonderland," and a dance.

Our formal party is to be given on April 16. May brings to us our annual banquet which is one of the happiest of our fraternity gatherings of the year, for our Thetas, scattered all through Ohio, make an effort to be with us at that time.

The corner stone of our new student's building is to be

laid April 12. This will be a beautiful building, large, perfectly-equipped, which will supply a social and educational home for the young men of the university. At this ceremony Dr. Thompson, president of the university, will deliver the address and the Boys' Glee Club will sing.

"The Strollers," Ohio State's dramatic organization, will present "When a Man's Single" on April 23, in the university chapel.

Very early in June, Browning Literary Society will present "Twelfth Night" in the Ben Greet style. These girls gave a splendid rendition of "As You Like It" last June, so their appearance this year is being looked forward to with intense interest.

Convention will be here before we realize it. Would that every Theta could be there to help make this the most splendid convention of all.

All the girls in college, and the alumnae join once a year in giving the Co-ed Prom. Half go as "men" and the others just "girls". The "men" appear in any costume from white flannels to colonial breeches. The dance this year was February 5 and many Thetas active and alumnae attended.

Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma both entertained at their formal dances this term a Theta from the alumnae and active chapters.

ETHEL SNYDER.

ALPHA ETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

On the Sunday following the fraternity birthday, we were all summoned to our lodge by Stella Vaughan, Alpha Eta's best friend and most ardent member.

Thinking of the bitterly cold day, we demurred greatly about going to the little chapter-room, which had not had a fire in it for several days. So we sent the freshman, Miss Stella's messenger, back to tell her it was too cold to go over there, and that we couldn't come.

Her reply, that if it was too cold for us we might stay, but that she at least was being bound for the lodge set us all agog with curiosity, and ten minutes later we were all standing around Miss Stella on the porch of the chapter house.

She was saying, "Now, girls, you know whenever there is anything disagreeable to be told you, I have it to do. You won't be angry at anything I say, will you?"

Then she opened the door. Within was the remembrance our alumnæ had sent for the 27. We had a new leather davenport and a much needed punch bowl and some glasses, together with some smaller articles, just as important to our minds—big platters, and kitchenspoons, for making candy.

Now let us present our newest member, Rose Tate of Shelbyville, Tennessee. She came to us from Randolph-Macon, in February. This makes the third girl Alpha Eta has had from there.

Several rather interesting and unusual things have been happening at Vanderbilt lately. One which touches the interests of Alpha Eta quite closely is the organization of the "Vanderbilt Girls' Club." This club is composed of all the girl-students at Vanderbilt, and has the functions of a regular students' organization. In addition to this feature, it has a decided social trend, and will tend to unify the girls to a great extent, we hope. This is the first time a thing of this kind has been attempted, so naturally we who assist, in the beginning, are much interested as to its ultimate success.

The students here have taken a radical departure from "our way of doing things." No doubt many of you, who live beyond Mason's and Dixon's line, or out to the west of us, think it perfectly natural and regular, to have student waiters in your dormitory dining rooms. To us in the south, however, such a move seems, to say the least, unusual. The student body voted, about two months ago, to try the plan of student waiters in Kissam Hall, one of the two dormitories for boys on the campus. The plan was to be put into execution April 1. About two weeks earlier, the negro waiters all went on a strike. Consequently, the plans had to be hurried and students found who were willing to start in their new work immediately. Ten boys, who now take the place of the negro waiters, were found. The

future success of the plan remains to be seen, but we hope it will work out all right.

For spring holidays, which come April 1-3, Alpha Eta is to have a "house party," in a farm-house about twenty-five miles from town. Of course you know what that means, and what a fine time we'll be having, in just a little while longer.

AGNES ANNIS.

Delta District

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Lately a Students' Union has been established at Illinois for the first time. Inside of a year it expects to have a building, the site of which has already been chosen. It is thought that this Union will have a great deal to do with running the politics of the university in the future. Under the auspices of the Union the Amherst Dramatic Club presented "As You Like It" April 1.

It has not been decided yet whether there will be a Maypole this spring at Illinois. It is an old custom that is loved by everybody. Instead a field day is proposed to take its place, which does not meet with the approval of the student body.

Delta chapter has just had its annual party, April 3. We danced from 4:30 until 6:30 and then had dinner. We continued dancing from 8 until 11. The hall was hung with Theta and Illinois pennants and the tables were decorated with daffodils and smilax. A number of older girls were back: Elsie and Viola Sonntag, '08, Plainfield, Ruth Hyndman, '08, Cincinnati, Louise Shipman, '08, De Kalb, Pearl Benjamin, ex-'10, Danville and Margaret Niver, ex-'10, Muscatine, Ia.

The general university community has been interested in a series of lectures by Doctor Graham Taylor of Chicago Commons on economic and sociological subjects.

An addition to the natural history building and a new physics laboratory are being built, the latter is expected to be the finest physics laboratory in the country.

During the vacation between semesters Delta had a

Mothers' House Party. Eight or nine of the mothers were entertained at the chapter house over the week end, and various plans were made for their amusement, including a musicale given entirely by the girls, at which were present town girls, active and inactive, their mothers, and fraternity patronesses.

MARION MOYER.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

The active and alumnæ members of Kappa chapter always look forward with a great deal of pleasure to our Founder's Day banquet. This year the affair was unusually delightful. Miss Jeanette Wheeler opened her beautiful home to us and never has there been a larger or more successful banquet. There was one long table elaborately decorated and two smaller tables, fifty-three places in all. Miss Katherine Riggs was toastmistress.

We were most happy to have with us Mrs. Cargil of Pi Chapter who responded to the toast, "Theta Brothers-in-law."

Anna Harrison gave us a most glowing account of the outlook of Kappa Alpha Theta and spoke of the splendid opening we have for our new chapter at Missouri. At the close of her toast, Miss Harrison spoke of a personal outlook, which was unusually bright for her and then made the first formal announcement of her engagement.

The annual spring party was given January 29. It was a great success, and about one hundred couples were present. Our grand president, Miss Anna Harrison, and Mr. Lewis F. Nelson led the grand march.

Kappa is looking forward with pleasure to the visit of her district president, Miss Hall, which is but a week off now.

Mabel Barber, '05, entertained at cards March 27 for the members of the active chapter and the bridal party, in honor of Helen Schaeffer, ex-'07, who is to be married on April 28. April 3 Alvina Wilhelmi, '08, entertains at luncheon for both our April brides, Helen Schoeffer and Anna Harrison, whose wedding day is April 21.

Both the Thespian and the Masque Dramatic Clubs are preparing plays to be put on very soon. Katharine Curry, '12, has a prominent part in "The Bishop's Carriage," to be presented by the Masque.

The first Saturday in May we are planning to have a Pan-Hellenic dance. The one given two years ago was a great success and we expect this to equal it. We are to go in couples, no couple composed of girls in the same sorority. No girl can dance more than three times with her partner nor at all with her sorority sisters. Both junior and senior classes have given dances recently for all girls.

BEATRICE B. REED.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

A new system of registration made the opening of the new semester a much less confusing event than formerly. This system, though simple, seems to be one of the best in existence. At the registrar's office the students are presented with cards with the day and the hour they are to register, before which they are to consult their deans.

We are sorry to lose Irma Staples this semester, but she expects to resume work next year. Emma Swezy returned from France to enter college this semester and will graduate this spring.

Upon the afternoon of February 27 Rho chapter held its first initiation for the year. Many of the old girls gathered from Nebraska's scattered towns to help make this an occasion worth remembering for years to come. The four girls initiated were Gracia Green and Louise Barr of Lincoln, Olive Hammond of Omaha and Ruth Tibbets of Hastings. Faye Brinninger and Lucy Dill of Grand Island and Grace Cooley of Hebron will remain pledged until spring.

Initiation was followed by the annual banquet at the Lincoln Hotel. Fifty-five girls, old and new, "ate, drank, and were merry," sang the songs we love best and toasted Kappa Alpha Theta. We adjourned from the hotel to the House, where we listened to tales of long ago and enjoyed the stunts of our freshmen who fulfilled their duty of en-

tertainment on the night of their initiation. We spent the evening in the cheer which only a Theta reunion can bring to us. When the curfew which custom sounds gave the signal, the active chapter went home with the Lincoln girls and left the house to the reminiscences and confidences of the alumnae.

Three weeks before the banquet the other important Theta event took place in the dance hall at the Lincoln. This was the annual Theta Formal in which an effort was made toward simplicity.

The new song books have proved a great inspiration. The circle round the piano, strong in numbers and endurance, is most enthusiastic since their arrival.

We have a delightful prospect before us. We are all looking forward to the visit of our district president which has been promised us for next week, the first of April. The news of sister chapters that is brought to us by word of mouth, warmed by the interest of the news-bearer is so much more real than messages which writing and printing have chilled.

Convention is all the talk now. Two years ago Rho made a marvelous record with her twenty representatives. Whether this year will see that record broken remains to be seen. If earnest desires count it surely will be for we are all figuring up our time and money and trying to make it spell "Chicago and the Theta Convention." May you see us all there and may we see you all there.

MARGARET WHEELER.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Growing old lost many of its grim probabilities when last month, we saw the presidents from colleges all over the country, many of whom were nearing three score years. They spoke to us in chapel; Dr. Reed told some of his college pranks, and the president of Baltimore Woman's College mentioned having known our own President Harris in his school days. Miss Potter invited them all over to Willard Hall for dinner one evening, and each girl was al-

lowed one president to escort to the dining room and to talk to during the meal.

The last edition of the JOURNAL could not have been more convenient for Tau in its choice of material because we are much agitated over the subject of sorority houses at Northwestern. The faculty are taking the possibility into consideration and have called for an interview with a selected delegate from each society in order to discuss the various advantages and disadvantages.

The Commencement exercises which come about the first of June this year are to be held for the first time in many years in Evanston in the new gymnasium. The formal opening of the building will occur the third, fourth and fifth of June when all the musical organizations along the north shore will unite under the leadership of Dean Lutkin in presenting some famous oratorios with Madame Schumann-Heink and other celebrated singers as soloists. Many of the students will sing in this festival and it is to be repeated ever year if it is as successful this spring as it promises to be.

Tau expects to send a large delegation to the Convention this year and we hope to meet many girls from the other chapters even though they may not be so conveniently situated.

RACHEL B. JONES.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Last quarter our letter did not reach the editor in time for publication, so I shall again introduce our freshmen to you. They are: Carolyn Joyce, Jean McMillan, Jean Hutchinson, Margaret Hall, Florence Grant, Marjorie Lovejoy, Audrey Homan, Dorothy Humes, Henrietta Raudenbusch, Beatrice Gruman, Helen Rogers. We, alone, stood for short pledge day this fall, holding our initiation October 21.

Six of us live in the Theta flat, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Nelson. We have jolly times, and hope to have a house proper next year.

A recital was given under the auspices of the chapter by Adams Buell, of Appleton, Wisconsin. We made quite a prominent college affair of this musicale and invited mem-

bers of the faculty and their wives, also musicians of the Twin Cities and representatives from the different sororities.

The dramatic club presented Goldsmith's "Good Natured Man" in December, and two of our girls took part. The play was a huge success. The club is planning to put on "King Rene's Daughter," some modern comedy, and a Shakespearean play during the rest of the year.

There are rumors on the Minnesota campus of a festival to be given May 20. It is here an entirely new venture, but it is hoped that this will be the beginning of a yearly custom. Booths are to be built out under the trees; there is to be a grand pageant and bands of strolling minstrels and songsters, and to crown it all a Maypole and a May queen.

The spring pledge day comes soon. Although we are not in the rushing compact, our role of the onlooker makes us interested. Next Saturday, April 3, the bids are sent out. Then the local Pan-Hellenic will take up the question of next year. The last of April brings us to the time of our formal party. We are planning to give a dance.

We had a delightful visit with Miss Hall. Her stay of three days can not be taken as a measure of the memories and inspiration which she left with us. We were sorry not to have been able to have had her at our little flat, but she stayed with Marian Rickard, only a block and a half away. Saturday night the alumnae and active girls gave a spread for her at Franta Soul's. After the spread we went to the Girls' Basket-Ball Tournament. We enjoyed particularly hearing Miss Hall tell about the other chapters, especially the new chapters.

Many of the girls are planning to go to Convention and nearly all of us are hoping to go. Our active delegate is Elva Leonard.

ELINER JONES.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Owing to Mr. Lincoln Steffens' article in the February *American Magazine*, Psi is in an argumentative mood. Was there ever anybody who did not prick up his ears at the mention of his name? We were all wide awake when we

began his article; but we were wider awake than ever when we had finished. Mr. Steffens says that the aim of the University of Wisconsin is to teach anybody anything at any time, and therewith he makes it a most utilitarian institution,—especially equipped to make butter and cheese and raise cows. Now, with the dread fear that you will all believe him, we have a word to add to his cheese and butter theory.

In the first place, our school of agriculture numbers 261 and our Letters and Science 1,838. Mr. Steffen's emphasis is upon the agriculture because he found that the most unique feature, though not at all the most important feature of the university. To quote from President Van Hise's address, June, 1908:

"Because the university has felt deeply local duties and responsibilities, and has undertaken investigations in those problems which concern the state, it has been designated a utilitarian university. If by this it is meant that the central purpose of the university is material gain, the term grossly misrepresents us. But if by the phrase is meant that it is the purpose of the university to uplift the people of this state and, so far as may be, the people of the nation, spiritually, intellectually, and materially, it is a correct characterization.

"The college of letters and science from the first has maintained the dominant position in the university. For many years substantially one-half of the students have been in this college."

When Psi chapter requested the withdrawal of the dispensation for pledging preparatory students here, we thought that we should no longer have spring rushing. The local Pan-Hellenic, however, decided that not rushing, but pledging, was prohibited and that every one might continue to rush in the spring. Psi decided to have two weekends for it, and March 26-29 was chosen as the first one. Our special entertainment was the "Junior Play," which materialized in a vaudeville in which everyone took part. Sunday afternoon was spent at the home of Mrs. Buell, on

University Heights. Mrs. Buell was Martha Merry, of Iota, '85, and has become one of Psi's best alumnae.

While our guests were here we played our last game in the tournament of the Inter-Sorority League, losing to Delta Gamma. Two Thetas, Edith Moore and Marie Baumgartner, have won places on the bowling team of the freshman class.

On March 23, we entertained the Girls' Glee Club, very informally, at the chapter house. For some years there have been several Thetas in the club, and our entertaining them has become an annual affair.

Before we see the JOURNAL again, Convention will have come and gone. About nine of Psi's active members are planning to go. We are looking forward to this opportunity to widen our personal acquaintance with Kappa Alpha Theta.

HESTER HARPER.

ALPHA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Since the last issue of the Journal, Alpha Theta has initiated three members: Carrie Kell, Wichita Falls; Anita O. Evans, Galveston; Clay West, San Antonio.

On the fraternity birthday the freshmen entertained with a supper and afterwards with their annual party. This year it was a farce entitled "Rushing Season." The girls of the different fraternities were cleverly taken off, and the men who "talk fraternity" were ridiculously imitated. It ended by the freshman who was being rushed being brought triumphantly in, adorned with yards and yards of black and gold ribbon.

Alpha Theta has three seniors this year, and consequently senior affairs are much discussed in the house. The class plans to present to the university a stained glass window as a memorial to the late Judge James B. Clark, proctor of the university, who died in December. As our school is young in years and tradition, the senior classes up to this time have never done anything of the sort, therefore the class of 1909 is anxious to establish a precedent.

The method of voting in university elections has been by acclamation, and this has been very unsatisfactory. Re-

cently a resolution was passed in the Students' Association to refer the matter of voting by the Australian ballot system, to a committee which should work out ways and means. One of the girls is on this committee, and the meetings have been held at the chapter house. It is really gratifying to think that the measures which will make most for the advancement of clean politics in the university were adopted at the Theta house.

The whole student body feels that the university is sustaining a great loss in the departure of Dr. Herbert E. Bolton, adjunct professor of history, who goes to Leland Stanford University next year. Dr. Bolton is a scholar of the finest type, and we feel that his place cannot easily be filled.

The Curtain Club, a new dramatic club recently gave Ben Jonson's "Silent Woman." The staging and costuming was good, and the actors did creditable work. The music was furnished by the university orchestra, and consisted of tunes played at the time the play was first presented. The club plans to present another play soon.

Alpha Theta is much interested in Convention, and plans to be represented by a number of girls. Chicago is a most suitable place for us because we can get the University of Chicago Summer School rates.

We are planning a reunion to be held in June. We are very anxious to have as many as possible of the old girls back, and have a banquet, and general good times. We are especially desirous of having it this year as Mrs. Windsor, Iota '95, who has always been the chief friend and adviser of Alpha Theta, leaves shortly after college is over for her new home in Champaign, Ill., where Mr. Windsor has accepted the position of librarian. We feel that, in Mrs. Windsor's departure we are losing the best friend the chapter ever had, one who has become endeared to the chapter, individually and collectively, on account of her sound judgment, her loving and wise counsel. We congratulate the Illinois girls upon their good fortune.

We hope to see many Thetas at Convention.

LINDA SPENCE.

ALPHA IOTA—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

The most important event since our last letter was a "Pay-as-you-enter" Country Fair, given for the benefit of the scholarship fund, at which we cleared about seventy dollars for the cause.

Another event which we all enjoyed was our "Mothers' Party." Not only did we meet all our Theta mothers, but they met each other, and in reminiscencing many discovered that they, too, had been school mates.

The faculty, in an attempt to have a larger attendance at chapel, have changed the program from an half-hour every day to a one-hour session once a week. We were fortunate to have with us, not long ago, Dr. G. Stanley Hall, President of Clark University at Worcester, Mass., and an eminent psychologist. His talk was practical and helpful. It was divided into three "sermonettes." In the first, on health, he pointed out the importance of health as a basis for all activities, physical and intellectual. In the second, on honor, he showed how necessary it was that everyone should have a standard of honor and should live up to it. And in the third division, on specialization, we were shown the need of excelling in one thing. He said we might all know a little on every subject but we ought to be an authority on at least one.

Through the efforts of Professor Heller, head of the German department, Professor Kühnemann, Harvard exchange professor from the University of Breslau, has been secured to deliver a series of lectures on Schiller, Kleist, Hebbel and Grillpatzer.

We were unusually fortunate this month in having the pleasure of meeting Mrs. J. H. Comstock, Iota Chapter. Not only were we privileged in hearing her most delightful lecture on Egypt given to the Wednesday club, but we were honored with a visit to our Theta rooms.

The annual Theta function—our Colonial Tea—was held as usual on Washington's birthday.

We have established a new custom of having an "At Home" day every week. This affords an excellent oppor-

tunity to entertain college girls and interest preparatory school girls in the university. We enjoy having with us frequently our new Alpha Mu Thetas.

We have two new pledges this term, Maxae Buechle and Eugenia Hauck.

The most interesting university events have been the addresses of the presidents of eastern universities. President Wilson, of Princeton, President Hadley, of Yale and President Harris of Amherst.

Mary Glasgow has been elected our delegate to Convention.

ANNE PALMER FISHER.

ALPHA MU—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

Just now Alpha Mu is only a little over a month old, but she is a remarkably precocious child. She knows the Syllabus through and just cries for Robert's Rules. We are hoping that we shall see her grow in strength and loveliness from year to year, worthy of our pride, and above all, worthy of the great trust Kappa Alpha Theta has so recently placed in her charge.

But I won't expatiate on her virtues for there are many other things of interest going on around the university. It is a custom here for each department to choose a day on which to have its celebration, reunion of old grads, and general jollification. The first to come is the Engineers' day, March 17. Their reason for choosing this day is best explained in their own words:

"St. Patrick was an engineer, he was, he was!

St. Patrick was an engineer, he was, he was!

For he surveyed the Emerald Isle,

And made a map of its profile.

Erin go braugh, Rah for the Engineers."

On this day they cut all classes, and at the regular assembly hour, give an elaborate "stunt" on the Quadrangle. The part of the ceremony which is the same every year is the conferring of the degree, "Knight of St. Patrick," on every senior engineer. They end the day with a dance, and

any engineer will tell you that it is the biggest day and the biggest dance in the year. Other days that will come soon are those of the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Farmers, and May Day, which is the girls' day exclusively. The farmers' day is always a big one too, for they give a regular country fair, from the merry-go-round to the horse-racing and pink lemonade. At night there is confetti throwing and music, after a fashion.

We have just instituted a new mode of government here, among the girls. It consists of a Girls' Council made up of two members elected from each class. We are hoping that it will bring stronger unity of feeling and action among the girls. The Y. W. C. A. cabinet for next year has been elected. One of our girls is chairman of the devotional committee, and another, chairman of the calling committee.

Early in March we had the pleasure of entertaining Mrs. William E. Hardy, an alumna of Rho; and Hazel Allison, of Kappa was with us for a few days, later in the month.

LOUISE NORTON.

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

First of all, Phi is most happy to present to you her three new initiates: Ray Hanna, Nina Sutliff and Marjorie Holcomb.

On January 16, a new sorority was added to Stanford's Pan-Hellenic association, when the California chapter of Delta Delta Delta, came to Stanford and installed a chapter of the national sorority here. Each sorority on the campus has acknowledged the establishment of the new chapter by a tea or a reception. Tuesday evening, January 26, we entertained them informally at our chapter house. Five of our girls gave a "foot-farce," after which we danced and feasted on rarebit, which the freshmen prepared.

An honor bestowed upon a senior man and girl each semester is that of carrying flowers to the Mausoleum, the tomb of Mrs. Stanford, each Sunday morning. Shortly after the death of Mrs. Stanford, the senior class adopted this custom, and it is to the two most deserving seniors that this

honor is awarded. We are pleased then to tell you of the selection of one of Phi's seniors for this office.

Stanford seems to be gradually assuming her anti-earthquake grandeur. In December was begun the rebuilding of the church, a thing for which every Stanford student had longed, but had scarcely dared expect. Then the museum, which delights so many western folk, has at last been opened, after having been closed for a period of almost three years.

The junior festivities started with the junior opera, "In Tangiers," for which some of our girls have been practicing weeks. It was a great success and Phi was proud to have Lucille Ozier taking the leading part.

Next morning were the aquatic sports at the lake—everything from canoe races to high diving and tilting contests; and in the evening came the long looked for Prom. which more than fulfilled every expectation.

St. Patrick's Day was celebrated by an interclass "Marathon" race, which being something new, aroused a great deal of interest. Each class entered twenty-six men, to run a half-mile each—even the post graduates were represented. The latter furnished much amusement by dressing up in ridiculous costumes which hampered their running more or less, and so whenever they found themselves too far behind, their representative jumped on a convenient bicycle and rode around until they were again in the lead!

Another innovation was a rousing rally held by the girls in their gymnasium, to excite enthusiasm for the annual basket ball game with California. Since the Stanford team won, the rally was voted a great success, and will be tried again next year.

The sophomore play, "7-20-8" was another of this term's attractions.

Our chapter parties have been unusually jolly. To celebrate the fraternity birthday, Mrs. Newsome gave a charming Theta party in her new home. Then we had a valentine party to which we all had to come in costume. The valentines were strictly home-made and caused no end of good fun.

A short time ago we gave a shower for Letitia Patterson, and a farewell dinner for Anna Perring, who is taking a trip through the east.

FRANCES LEGGE.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

On January 27 we celebrated the birthday of the fraternity by giving to Kappa Alpha Theta four new active members. We initiated Helen Runyon and Muriel Burnham of San Francisco, Lilian Van Dyke of Los Angeles and Eva Nordwell of Oakland. It was an additional pleasure to have Ruth Fuller, a sophomore from Minnesota, to affiliate with us.

Eleanor de Fremener joined Omega as an alumna member, having been one of the group to whom the Alpha Kappa chapter was granted, at Adelphi College. She is a sister of one of Omega's *alumnæ*.

One of the most interesting ceremonies which has been held in California for some time was the celebration of the forty-ninth Charter Day. The speaker of the day was the Honorable James Bryce. Five thousand people assembled in the Greek Theatre and the great man was greeted with ovation after ovation; the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him. All who were present pronounced the programme impressive and inspiring. After the ceremony Mr. Bryce was tendered a reception by President and Mrs. Wheeler.

Close upon the heels of Charter Day followed the freshman track meet held at Stanford March 27 in which California's team were the proud victors, 79 to 43.

Another phase of college life always of interest to Californians is Dramatics. The Mask and Dagger Society presented "The Stubbornness of Geraldine" to an enthusiastic college audience Friday, March 5—it was of especial interest to Omega, three of whose members had prominent parts in the playing and managment of the performance.

"Skull and Keys," an honor society for junior and senior men, gave "Charlie's Aunt" March 26, and rehearsals

are now being held for the English Club's production of the "House of Rimmon" which will be the most ambitious dramatic event of the year.

LAURA FRANCES GILL.

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

May brings happy memories to Alpha Lambda of installation one year ago. We are looking forward to this first anniversary with an enthusiasm beyond description, and can think of no celebration quite equal to the occasion.

Here in the far west where traditions for the most part are yet unborn, we cherish especially those few which have become firmly established. First and foremost in the heart of every student stands "Campus Day," an annual event in early spring. Then a day's holiday is granted. Every man in the university becomes inspired with an unwonted zeal for his alma mater, and dressed for the fray in the oldest and most dilapidated clothes he can find, goes forth to do battle on the campus. Under the leadership of one who is chosen captain—and by the way the leader of the girls this year is to be a Theta—paths are made through the woods, rustic seats built, the athletic field is put in order, and everything possible done to beautify the campus. Meanwhile the girls stand ever in readiness to carry water to the squads, and, most important of all, prepare a great picnic lunch upon tables in front of the Women's Dormitory. Promptly at noon lunch is served to the hungry mob who rush in from all directions at the first sounding of the gong. After this an hour or two is given over to toasts and speeches by prominent men. But the day's work is not yet done and woe unto him who tries to escape! Each division marches back to its allotted task. The girls clear away what remains of the lunch, and then go home to prepare for the informal dance which is to follow that night and is always the crowning event of the day. All are worn out, but none too tired to dance.

Besides Commencement, which takes place early this year on account of the opening of the Exposition, we are

eagerly awaiting another important event occurring in May, the annual regatta.

Only those who have been our guests at assembly in an uncomfortable barny gymnasium used for the last two years as a makeshift, can realize the delight with which we are looking forward to the opening of the new Auditorium. It has been promised us again and again. At last, however, the handsome new structure of white pressed brick, with a facade of huge columns and an entrance of broad low steps extending the entire width of the building—just the place for a rousing open-air rally—at last the building is nearing completion, the first material evidence of the wealth coming to the university through the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition.

We are able to announce at this time that Washington is winner in the triangular debating contest between Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

At present chapter interest centers in Convention. Several of the girls besides our delegate will be able to attend and are already making their preparations. Those who are not so fortunate are at least looking forward to seeing a large number of Thetas here this summer at the exposition.

MABEL DURHAM.

MARRIAGES

Chi

Married, March 24, 1909, at Lawrence, Mass., Edith W. Ackerman, A.B. '08, to Mr. Seth Frank Dawson, Jr. Address, Milton, New Hampshire.

Alpha Delta

Married, March 20, 1909, in Seattle, Washington, Edna White, 1905-'07, to Mr. Ralph Angel, Psi Upsilon, Phi Delta Phi, A.B. Wisconsin. Address, Seattle, Washington.

Married, February 18, 1909, in Baltimore, Md., Florence Sophia Walther, 1904, to Mr. George A. Solter. Address, Baltimore, Md.

Alpha Epsilon

Married, March 9, 1909, Grace Ide Fairchild, 1902-'03, to Mr. James Roe Stevenson.

Alpha Kappa

Married, February 18, 1909, in Brooklyn, N. Y., Josephine Kelley, A.B. 1905, to Mr. Edward Clifford Seed.

Married, April 19, 1909, Erene Figueria, ex-'1910, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Brooklyn, N. Y., to Mr. Rudolfo Correa.

Alpha

Married, February 16, 1909, Julia Preston, '09, to Mr. Forest Minsch.

Gamma

Married, February 23, 1909, at the home of her father, 5087 East Washington Street, Louise Brown, '09, to Mr. John Atheron, Delta Tau Delta, Butler, '00. Address, No. 6, "The Weaver Flats," Indianapolis, Ind.

Delta

Married, March 27, Minnie L. Parker, '08, Taylorville, Ill., to Elmer E. Stultz, Phi Gamma Delta, Evanston, Ill.

Kappa

Married, April 21, 1909, Anna Harrison, to Mr. Lewis F. Nelson. Address, 1919 East 58th St., Kansas City, Mo.

Tau

Married, April 17, 1909, Lulu Berkey, A.B. '00, to Mr. Jay C. Freeman. Address, 255 Oak Ave., River Forest, Ill.

Married, February, 1909, Mary Millbank, A.B. '99, to Mr. Frank Fulkerson. Address, Trenton, Mo.

Married, January, 1909, Elizabeth Douglas, '02-'03, to Mr. Robert Candee. Address, Evanston, Ill.

Married, April 12, 1909, Agnes Hayden, Ph.B. '01, to Mr. George Norris Woodley. Address, 507 Main St., Evanston, Ill.

Psi

Married, February 16, 1909, at her home in Dodegville, Wis., Gladys Ennor Melick, ex-'09, to Mr. John Ostrander Shaff, M.S. Ames, 1907. Address, Shaffton, Iowa.

Phi

Married, March 2 1909, in Pasadena, Calif., Hazel Traphagen, A.B. 1905, to Mr. Wilfred Heinrich Dole. Address, Aloha, Calif.

Married, February 6, 1909, in Ottawa, Ohio, Lenore Lorain Williams, A.B. 1905, to Mr. Amos C. Althaus. Address, Bluffton, Ohio.

Married, March 29, 1909, in Palo Alto, Calif. Letitia Patterson, A.B. '99, to Mr. Leroy Abrams. Address, Stanford University.

Omega

Married, March, 1909, Marian Walsh, ex-'07, at her home in Oakland, to Mr. Louis Lohse of Oakland. Dr. and Mrs. Lohse are traveling in Europe.

Married, August 6, 1908, Sophia Pearl Judson, '01-'02, to Mr. Frank Alton Somers. Address, 3636 Clay St., San Francisco, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Somers have been spending the winter in Europe.

BIRTHS**Iota**

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. James A. Ford (Grace Law, '93), of Amherst, Mass., a daughter, Elizabeth.

Sigma

Born, March 18, 1909, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Melville Bertram (Ruth Cameron, B.A. 1903).

Alpha Beta

Born, February 7, 1909 a son, Howard Cooper, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cooper Johnson (Edith Lamb, B.L. '98).

Born, March 15, 1909, a daughter, Lydia, to Mr. and Mrs. John R. Maxwell (Lydia Clothier, '96-'98).

Alpha Epsilon

Born, March 30, 1909, a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Edmund B. Delabarre (Dorothea E. Cotton, 1904-'05).

Alpha Gamma

Born, March 21, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bonnett (Katherine Early, '00), a daughter, Betty Bonnett.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Warren Gay (Katherine Andrews, M.A. 1903), a son, William Heyward. Address, Swarthmore, Pa.

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Lisle (Ellen Brown, '03-'04), a son, Leslie.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Bond (Bertha Patterson, '01), a son.

Eta

Born, May 6, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Cady (Myra Post, '95), a daughter.

Born, March 1, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. John Steuber (Jeannette Blanchard, 1901), a daughter, Susan Jeannette.

Psi

Born, March 13, 1909, a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ignés Smith (Esther Donnelly, B.L. 1902). Address, 324 Roland Ave., Roland Park, Baltimore, Md.

Omega

Born, January 23, 1909, a son, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Epley (Anna Hammond, '97-'01).

Born, February 15, 1909, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Volney H. Craig (Elinor Merrill '04-'06).

Born, March 31, '09, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. George Jones (Ruth Green, '04-'06).

PERSONALS

Iota

Announcement is made of the engagement of Mary Reynolds Preston, '09, Amenia, N. Y., to Dean Lewis Kelsey, Delta Xi, Cornell, '08, of North Tonowanda, N. Y.

Anna Bottsford Comstock, '85, spent some days lecturing in Illinois and Missouri.

Dr. Ebba Almgrin is in town making the usual spring physical examination among the women students.

Carol Crossett, '05, sails April 12 in company with Dr. Anna Fitch Shaw for London, England, as a delegate to the international convention of the Woman's Suffrage League.

Sigma

Mabel E. Steele, B.A. '07, is now in Paris, studying music with Harold Bouer. Address, 21 Rue de la Grande Armée.

We were very pleased to have with us in Toronto for a few days Winifred Kavanaugh from Alpha Delta.

Chi

The engagement is announced of Julie Whipple, ex-'07, to Mr. Robert Sherman, Colgate, '07, Phi Gamma Delta.

Marion Chappell, ex-'09, is home from Smith for her Easter vacation.

Helen Hough, Alpha Delta, '07, visited her sister Virginia, at at the chapter house a few weeks ago.

Bessie Wands, ex-'11, visited at the chapter house a week in March.

Julie Whipple, ex-'07, spent Senior Week at the house.

Amy Quackenbush, ex-'09, was up for our formal party the last of February.

At Lawrence, Mass., at the Garden St., Methodist Episcopal church on March 24, 1909, occurred the marriage of Edith W. Ackerman, A.B. '08, to Mr. Seth Frank Dawson, Jr., of Milton, New Hampshire. Dr. Ackerman, father of the bride, performed the ceremony. Edna M. Ackerman, Chi '10, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Immediately preceding the ceremony, Carrie B. Fraser, Chi '09, sang "O Fair, O Sweet and Holy." At Edith's new home in Milton the latch string will always be out for Thetas, especially those from Chi.

Alpha Beta

Mary Eliza Notte, '07, is a student at Oxford, England.

Julia Atkinson, '07, has resigned her position at Berwyn High School on account of ill health.

Alpha Delta

Mary Adams, A.B. 1906, from Philadelphia, and Mary Boss, A.B. 1902, from Pittsburg, were in Baltimore a few days to attend the wedding of Florence Walther, A.B. 1904.

Martha Hill, 1904-'07, stopped a few days with us on her way to her home, Spartanbury, S. C., from Philadelphia, where she had been the guest of Edith Sprowles, A.B. 1907.

Alpha Zeta

Among Alpha Zeta's visitors from other chapters have been, Mrs. Wilson, President of Alpha District, Mrs. Woods, Phi, Miss Gray and Miss McClelland, Alpha Delta, and Miss Slocum, Alpha Epsilon.

Alpha Kappa

Grace E. Commiskey, A.B. 1907, is now teaching in Manual Training High School in Brooklyn.

Among our late visitors are Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Imperatori, Mrs. Van Slyke, Miss Braman, Mrs. Baker, Miss Colby, Mrs. Smith, and Miss Durstin.

Alpha

Edith Carmichael, A.B. '08, Muncie, Ind., Hazel Bowman, '09, Marion, Ind., and Mary D. Lemon, '10, Indianapolis, Ind., are guests at the chapter house.

Mary Ibach, A.B. '08, Hammond, Ind., visited the Thetas for a few days at the beginning of the term.

Mrs. Frank Hutchinson, formerly Miss Luella McWhirter, of Indianapolis, Ind., visied her sister, Susie McWhirter, at the chapter house during Inauguration week.

Miss Potter, Dean of Women of Northwestern University, visited Mrs. Gobin and Theta sisters.

Beta

Mary Bailey of Edinburg, Ind., and Margaret Sipright of Boonville, Ind., are coming Friday, April 9, to spend some time visiting at the chapter house.

Hazel McCrillus from Muncie, Ind., and Pauline Merkels, Indianapolis, Ind., visited Theta friends over the second week end in March. They came down for the Sigma Chi dance.

Mrs. Barlow of Sharpsville, Ind., visited her daughter Bess, during the last of the winter term.

Bible class, that was taught during the winter term by Mrs. Springer, an alumna, has been given up for the present. The class has proved very interesting and instructive under Mrs. Springer's leadership, and the girls will be glad to take it up again next year.

Gamma

Mary Bailey, Beta, '08, visited Gamma chapter during vacation.

Alice Mummenhoff, who has been teaching in the country during the winter, has returned home, and has re-entered college for the spring term.

Marjorie Benton visited Beta chapter early in April.

Gamma chapter mourns with Clara Lancaster the death of her father which occurred in February, and with Adele McMaster's the death of her mother which occurred in January.

Eta

Elfrieda Weitz played "Klaerchen" in the presentation of Egmont, given by the Deutsche Verein. The Michigan Daily said of the performance, "To Miss Weitz, who played the extremely trying rôle of Klaerchen, and to Miss D'Ooge and Mr. Lauer, belong the honors. Miss Weitz is possessed not only of an engaging personality and an excellent voice, but of a stage presence which attracted to her the highest of plaudits. She brought to her part a dignity that was more than becoming."

Eta's latest pledge, Margaret Weart of Winnetka, Ill., has invited all Etas who attend the convention, to have either lunch or supper with her at her Winnetka home on June 28, the day before the convention opens. This will enable us to have an Eta reunion before the convention begins. We hope to have a large delegation from the active chapter, all of our Chicago residents and many alumnæ, among whom will be Frances Boynton, Laura Eames Kammerer, Irene Baker Gustafson, and Mary White. Charlotte Leavitt and Harriet Harrington Maynard also are to be in Ann Arbor for Commencement.

Mabel Mason, 1909, has been elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, and has been invited to represent her class as speaker at the annual Phi Beta Kappa banquet.

Among Eta's visitors this semester were the following alumnæ: Esther Shaw, M.A. 1908, Mrs. Robert Sinclair (Ruth Manville, 1904-1906), Leona Belser, A.B. 1908, Charlotte Bissel, A.B. 1903, Anna Drummond, A.B. 1903, Ethel Obetz, ex-'10, Margaret Stockbridge, A.B. 1908, and Bertha Ballard, ex-1911; and the pledges, Lois Douglass, Lucile Knot and Katherine Sherwood. We also had the pleasure of entertaining Vera Short, a freshman from Tau chapter.

Louise Tuthill, 1912, has been elected vice-president of the freshman class.

Esther Harmon has been given another European fellowship from Bryn Mawr. She will spend next year studying in Europe.

Margaret Weart from Winnetka, Ill., has been pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta.

Mary White, '08, is now visiting her sister Annie White Emley, in Pittsburg. She will spend commencement week in Ann Arbor and will attend the convention with Eta's delegation.

All four of Eta's seniors, Emma Weitz, Mabel Mason, Agnes Carpenter, and Jean Goudie, have parts in the senior play.

Mrs. Jordan, our Dean of Women, has been very ill since the

spring vacation and Charlotte Walker is in charge of her work for the remainder of the year.

Mu

Harriette Phillips, A.B. 1908, has been spending the winter with her brother in Washington, D. C.

Ella Craig, A.B. 1901, Mrs. Scion Smith, A.B. 1886, Jessie Williams, A.B. 1903, and Mrs. Pratt, A.B. 1899, have been recent chapter visitors.

Iva Berkey, A.B. 1907, who has been very ill at her home in Ligonier, is reported much better.

Katherine Adams is in Southern Pines, South Carolina.

Alpha Gamma

The marriage of Margaret March, '05, and Mr. Harvey Cashatt, of Columbus, is announced for June.

Delta

Harriet Sperry is a member of Rho Alumnæ.

Edith Willis sailed for Europe for a several months' trip.

Kappa

Helen Janes, 1911, who went to her home in Williamsburgh on account of illness, has returned to take up her work again.

Mary Clark, 1907-1908, is expected at the chapter house for the Thespian Dramatic Club's presentation of "As You Like It."

Isabel Barton, 1910, and Elizabeth Laird, 1909, were in Kansas City for the annual indoor track meet.

The engagement of Mary Clark, 1907-1908, to Mr. Percy Johnson is announced.

Hazel Allison, 1910, visited Alpha Mu at Columbia recently for the week end.

Rho

Alice McCullough, '11, has recently been elected President of the College Equal Suffrage League of the University of Nebraska.

Zola Dellecker, '07, Mabel Dutch, '07, and Harriet Tidball, '08, were our guests for the dance February 6.

Edna and Bertha Clark, Psi, who were visiting a sister in Lincoln at the time, we were glad to have with us at the banquet.

Our other out-of-town banquet guests were Mary Bedwell Mc-Nown, '06, Ena Brach, '06, Louise Woodruff, '04, Hallie Post Moore, 1900-1902, Zora Shields, '02, Nelle Randall, '99, Zola Dellecker, '07, Edith Robbins Day, '07, Mary Bowlby, '07, Stella Trim-

ble, '08, Harriet Tidball, 1908-1909, all Rho girls, and Mrs. John E. Spencer (May Webster) of Kappa, whose home is now in Omaha.

Jean Tuttle, who has been teaching in Oregon for two years, has returned to Lincoln and resumed her former position in the department of mathematics at the High School.

Emma Swezey, '09, has returned from her year of study in France and is completing her work at the university this semester.

Linna Thompson, 1907-1909, of Nome, Alaska, has announced her engagement to Mr. Edward Flemming of that city.

Tau

Edith Klett is superintendent of schools of Bent Co., Colo. Address, Las Animas, Colo.

Minnie Church Bagley is to visit in Evanston in April.

Josephine Fitch Whitson visited in Evanston in March.

Jessie Evers Manchester has returned to Evanston after living in Haverford, Pa., for a number of years.

Upsilon

The engagement is announced of Katherine Bailey, ex-'09, to Paul Carpenter.

Helen Joyce, '11, has been obliged to discontinue her college work on account of ill health. She is with her sister Carolyn in Texas.

Dorothy Humes is recovering from a serious illness.

Winifred Sercomb, of Psi, is now in Minneapolis. She has just spent several years in the Philippines and returned by way of India and Europe.

Florence Grant, '12, has gone to Cedar Falls, Iowa, to attend the Normal School there.

Psi

Irma Rowland, '12, of Freeport, Ill., who was pledged to Psi last spring, and who spent her first semester at Northwestern University, has entered the university here and has been received as an affiliate from Tau.

Edna Johnson, '04, of Richmond, Ind., was in town during the early part of March, visiting her aunt, Mrs. Harry Butler Johnson. The latter kindly asked all active and alumnae Thetas to meet her niece, and we were very glad to do so.

Mrs. Harry Brown, '92, of Lancaster, Wis., is with her mother at a hospital here in the city. Mrs. Brown was Laura Baxter, one of the charter members of Psi chapter.

Mrs. James Gilman, 606 62nd St., Chicago (Madge Parker,

Psi, '01), was in the city March 28, visiting her sister-in-law, Helen Gilman, Psi, '07, 115 Langdon Street. The latter is teaching Latin at the Sacred Heart Academy, just outside the city.

Helen Dodge, ex-'10, of Monroe, Wis., Ethel and Charlotte Churchill, '08, of Monroe, Wis., Laura Sage Jones, 1902, of Oregon, Wis., Marguerite Melich, ex-'09, of Dodgeville, Wis., and Mirah Congdon, '04, of La Cross, Wis., were at the chapter house for the university circus, April 3.

Ora Williams, an affiliate from Gamma chapter, returned April 3 after two months' practice library work at Menominee.

Ethel Taylor, '10, of Sioux City, Iowa, was elected treasurer of the Self Government Association, March 10.

Phi

Edith Jordan, Phi, '97, sails for Europe in the middle of April, to be gone several months.

Several girls of Omega came down for the Freshman Intercollegiate Track Meet and took luncheon with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Dole (Hazel Traphagen, Phi, '05), spent a few days at Stanford, on their way north.

The engagement of Ruth Forbes and Ralph H. Sherry (Leland Stanford, Jr., University, '04), of Troy, New York, is announced. Mr. Sherry is now at Columbia University, where he is to receive his Ph.D. this year.

Omega

Mary Lynch, '07, Ada Taylor and Eleanor Carson have visited the chapter recently.

Four engagements have been announced in Omega during the spring. Eleanor Slate, ex-'11, to Mr. Ernst von Löken Sels of Oakland; Ida Wickson, '04, to Mr. Hudson Thomas of Oakland; Margery Paterson to Mr. Ira Hoover of Berkeley, and Amy Coombs to Mr. Harry Dunlap of Nappa.

The engagement of Bertha F. Reuter, '04, to Julian D. Jones, a Kappa Alpha, of Virginia is announced.

Alpha Lambda

Miss Cecile Enigren of Minnesota was a guest at the house during April.

The engagement is announced of Carrie Heffner, 1906-'09, to Mr. Edward Alexander, Sigma Chi, University of Washington, E. E. '06.

Alpha Lambda wishes to take this opportunity of introducing the following girls who were initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta Feb-

ruary 6, 1909: Bessie Graham, Spokane, Wash.; Nan Drummond, Tacoma, Wash.; Helen Higbee, Portland, Oregon; Ruby Snyder, and Clara Dean, both of Seattle, Wash.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE WORLD

UNIVERSITY ENROLMENT.

Presenting in tabular form for the purpose of easier comparison, as given in the New York Post, the first twenty-five representatives—not necessarily the twenty-five largest nor the twenty-five leading universities, we find that they rank this year as follows, the summer session of 1908 being included in each instance, and due allowance being made for summer students who returned for work this fall:

	1908.	1907.
1. Columbia	5,675	5,197
2. Harvard	5,342	5,346
3. Michigan	5,188	4,953
4. Chicago	5,114	4,594
5. Cornell	4,700	4,293
6. Minnesota	4,687	4,207
7. Pennsylvania	4,555	4,134
8. Illinois	4,400	4,172
9. New York University.....	3,951	3,648
10. Wisconsin	3,876	3,401
11. California	3,751	3,346
12. Yale	3,466	3,435
13. Syracuse	3,204	3,162
14. Nebraska	3,154	2,812
15. Northwestern	3,113	2,714
16. Ohio	2,700	2,344
17. Missouri	2,558	2,274
18. Iowa	2,356	2,188
19. Indiana	2,113	1,667
20. Kansas	2,086	1,932
21. Stanford	1,541	1,594
22. Princeton	1,314	1,311
23. Western Reserve	1,016	914
24. Virginia	757	757
25. Johns Hopkins	698	651

It will be noted that the only changes since last year, therefore, are that Columbia has changed places with Harvard, Pennsylvania has passed Illinois, Wisconsin and California have passed Yale, and Kansas has been outstripped by Indiana. Omitting the summer session enrolment, the order is naturally somewhat different as shown in the following table:

	1908.	1907.
1. Michigan	4,637	4,489
2. Columbia	4,540	4,141
3. Minnesota	4,355	3,957
4. Harvard	4,336	4,373
5. Cornell	4,246	3,878
6. Pennsylvania	4,223	3,896
7. Illinois	4,052	3,805
8. New York University	3,457	3,233
9. Yale	3,448	3,299
10. Wisconsin	3,237	3,128
11. California	3,199	2,978
12. Syracuse	3,084	3,043
13. Northwestern	2,992	2,624
14. Nebraska	2,921	2,651
15. Chicago	2,663	2,421
16. Ohio	2,442	2,125
17. Missouri	2,220	1,955
18. Iowa	2,122	1,964
19. Kansas	1,866	1,758
20. Stanford	1,532	1,583
21. Indiana	1,367	1,175
22. Princeton	1,314	1,311
23. Western Reserve	1,016	914
24. Virginia	757	757
25. Johns Hopkins	698	651

So it is to be seen that Columbia and Minnesota have passed Harvard since last year, and Cornell has passed Pennsylvania, New York University has gone ahead of Yale, and California has changed places with Syracuse, Northwestern with Nebraska, Missouri with Iowa, and Indiana with Princeton.

Chicago, Harvard, Princeton, Stanford, Virginia, and Yale have had losses in the number of male academic students, while California, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Northwestern have fewer women students than they had last year. At more than half of the Western institutions there are more women than men in the academic department. The exceptions are: Chicago, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Western Reserve, and Wisconsin. In all of the Eastern institutions, on the other hand, with the possible exception of Cornell and Syracuse, which do not give the separate figures for men and women, the men are in the majority.

The following clippings are taken from the *American Educational Review*:

During the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition at Seattle this summer, a majority of the fraternity and sorority houses of the University of Washington will keep open for the accommodation of the members who will visit the fair.

The board of education of Chicago is looking for a woman to fill the office of supervisor of household arts. The position, with a salary of \$3,000 a year, has been created, but as yet a competent domestic science teacher to act as supervisor has not been found.

Announcement is made that work will begin at once on the construction of homes for the instructors at the Washington University, St. Louis. About \$100,000 will be spent, and the first home to be built will be for the chancellor. The officials believe the professors should reside as near their work as possible, and the homes will be erected on the property adjoining the university.

Miss Jane Wright of the Cincinnati Art Museum has been appointed librarian of the art library at Princeton University. So important did the trustees of Princeton regard the matter of the selection that they allowed the place to remain vacant for more than a year while they canvassed the country for some one who would come up to the required standard.

Should President Taft's idea prevail that education be one of the qualifications for a proper electorate, and should the enfranchisement of women become a fact there would be quite a change in the political complexion of the United States. The percentage of women of many foreign powers who are able to read and write is far below that of the men, but in America such is not the case. A hint as to how educators feel about woman suffrage may be gleaned from votes recently taken. Of the seventy-nine Northwestern University professors who voted fifty-seven favored giving woman the ballot, and those who were averse to her enfranchisement were largely so on account of a reluctance to women plunging into the filth of present-day politics. Among one thousand educators recently interviewed by a Boston suffrage advocate forty-nine per cent favored the enfranchisement of women, twenty-three per cent were noncommittal, and twenty-eight were opposed. At the University of Chicago ninety professors were asked to state their position on the question of municipal suffrage for women. Sixty-five replied and all but two favored giving woman the right to vote.

We are indebted to the *Arrow* for this interesting presentation of statistics of chapter houses owned or rented by women's fraternities:

[In this table are included all women's fraternities that have five or more chapters, and that maintain chapters in no institutions below collegiate rank. These fraternities comprise the Woman's National Pan-Hellenic Association. The editor of the *Arrow* is

indebted to the editors of the various fraternity magazines for the statistics here given, except in the case of Kappa Kappa Gamma, for whom figures were furnished by Mrs. Guy Walker.]

Founded	Name	Chapters	Houses Owned	Date of purchase of first house	Houses Rented	Total
1893	Alpha Xi Delta.....	14			6	6
1897	Alpha Omicron Pi	11			3	3
1872	Alpha Phi	14	3 ¹	1886	4	7
1885	Alpha Chi Omega	14	1 ²	1895	8	9
1874	Gamma Phi Beta	12	4 ³	1904	3	7
1874	Delta Gamma	19	2 ⁹	1901	13	15
1888	Delta Delta Delta	27 ⁴			9	9
1870	Kappa Alpha Theta	28	{ 5 ⁵ 2 lodges	1900	8	15
1870	Kappa Kappa Gamma	33		1900	12	14
1869	Pi Beta Phi	39 ⁶	{ 4 ⁷ 1 lodge	1903	11	16
1874	Sigma Kappa	8			3	3
1895	Chi Omega	22	1 ⁸	1906	3	4
12		241	25		83	108

¹ Houses are owned by chapters at Stanford, Syracuse and Wisconsin. The house at Syracuse, the home of the mother chapter, was the first chapter house owned by a woman's fraternity.

² House owned by Albion chapter is entirely free of debt. Four chapters have started building funds.

³ Houses are owned by chapters at Michigan, Stanford, Washington State, and Wisconsin.

⁴ This includes the chapter to be installed at Stanford in January, 1909.

⁵ Houses are owned²² by chapters at California, Illinois, Michigan, Stanford and Wisconsin. Butler and Vanderbilt chapters own lodges in which no members live.

⁶ This includes Ontario Alpha at Toronto, established December 11, 1908.

⁷ Houses are owned by chapters at Colorado, Kansas, Stanford and Wisconsin. Denver chapter owns a lodge, "The Bungalow," in which no members live.

⁸ House owned by the Michigan chapter.

⁹ Houses are owned by chapters at Stanford and Wisconsin.

¹⁰ Houses are owned by chapters at Stanford and Wisconsin.

Professor Avery of the chemistry department has been appointed acting chancellor of the University of Nebraska.

A non-fraternity athletic meet is to take place at Nebraska; it is intended to bring the non-fraternity men into closer contact and to widen their general interests.

By the will of Charles R. Gregory of St. Louis, the University of Missouri will receive \$500,000 to help needy students.

The University of Minnesota has received from the Wyerhauser interests, 2,200 acres of land in Carleton County for experimental use in the school of forestry.

Delta Gamma holds its convention April 13-15 at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The trustees of Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn., at a special meeting in February voted to abolish co-education at that institution. According to the resolution adopted no woman is to be admitted to Wesleyan in any class later than that entering in 1909.

The men's fraternities at Cornell have had a Pan-Hellenic agreement regulating rushing this year.

Gradually it is becoming apparent that the small church college, with a small endowment and wanting in many up-to-date facilities, is about to face a final crisis. Especially is this true in the South, and the telling force of the fact seems to be appreciated to a greater extent in that section than anywhere else. Many leading sectarian educators are now giving the matter every attention possible. It is realized that this type of institution can no longer compete successfully with the state universities in the rapid development the latter have enjoyed during recent years. The query is, what to do with the small college? Some are advocating consolidation in many cases and others believe in following on in the same old path, but as "Junior colleges," maintaining a thorough course to a certain point, giving the student who completes the same a diploma, but not a degree. This latter plan does not seem feasible, and it fails to present an inviting appearance. Doubtless the solution the future will see will be consolidation and disappearing of many old colleges.
—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

With the opening of school at the University of Chicago, a new departure was made by means of which it is hoped to raise the standard of undergraduate scholarship. The marking system has been changed in such a way that the candidate for a degree must not only satisfy the specific requirements for that degree in regard to hours of work, but in addition must obtain a certain

number of "honor points," which depends upon the grade given by the instructor. Thus, a student who merely "passes" the required number of courses may possibly not secure sufficiently high grades to secure his degree, in which case, he must take up additional courses to obtain the requisite "honor points." The system was in operation during the summer quarter, and seems to have given satisfaction in every respect.—*The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*.

At the request of the alumni, the trustees of Cornell University have appointed a committee of forty graduates, to be known as the Cornellian Council. Its purpose is the collection of an alumni fund for the support of the university, subscription to the fund to carry with it immunity from solicitation for all university projects. Any subscriber to the fund may designate the object to which his contribution is to be applied and the trustees are to have the disposal of all other funds.—*Key*.

The students of Spokane College, Washington, unwilling to wait till the college could afford to give them a gymnasium, are building one for themselves, according to newspaper reports, furnishing the material and doing practically all the work. They are tearing down some of the temporary structures of the National Apple Show, and receiving lumber in payment. Four students volunteer each day to do a day's work, and when the building materials have been collected, the student body will erect the building. The students are also raising a fund to equip the gymnasium.—*Key*.

A unique club—it is said that the word "unique" must be used—is the 800 club, in existence at the University of Georgia. Its aim is to secure 800 students for the university—"and every one a gentleman."—*Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

On Thursday, January 28, Mr. Roy O. West, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, and Walter Lowrie McClurg, representing Delta Tau Delta, William A. Hamilton, national president, and Professor F. W. Shepardson, of the Executive Council of Beta Theta Pi, and Lincoln M. Coy, national treasurer of Phi Kappa Psi, and Grand Consul Alling and Wm. A. Heath, ex-president of the Chicago Alumni Chapter of Sigma Chi, met in Chicago to plan concerted action to prevent any hostile legislation aimed against fraternities at the University of Illinois. A bill is pending in the Illinois legislature for the abolition of fraternities in high schools, and a rumor was circulated that an attempt might be made to attach a rider to this bill prohibiting fraternities also in the state university. Each member of the conference agreed to communicate with friends in the legislature in an effort to protect the inter-

ests of the Greeks in the state university. Mr. West has already received assurances from several members of both the Senate and House that the interests of the college fraternities will be fully protected, and any hostile move will be met immediately with aggressive opposition.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

Fraternities are countenanced at Dartmouth under the following restrictions: Fraternity men may not dine in their houses; no more than 14 men may room in any one fraternity house; no intoxicants shall be permitted in fraternity lodge halls or houses. By another rule, all mention of fraternities to members of the entering class, is forbidden, prior to a day familiarly known as "Chinning Day."—*Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

The University of Washington has recently completed a new \$190,000 chemistry building.

The University of California has come into possession of a bequest of about \$1,400,000 through the grant of a petition for a partial distribution of the estate of the late Theodore Kearney.

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